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VENIZELOS ELECTED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Watch Mexia Grow

The News Replies to J. K. Hughes.

The Mexia Daily News was the target for a barrage of criticism laid down Friday at the Lions Club, by J. K. Hughes, President of the Lions Club. In all friendliness, like a man, fearlessly and face to face with a representative of The News he spoke and spared not.

Just after being elected President of the Lions Club, Mr. Hughes said to the club: "The Mexia Daily News has been criticising policies and practices in our city that did not suit them. That's all right. Now let's discuss things together. Let's call a spade a spade and criticise anything that needs criticising, doing this in the spirit of friendship and for the good of Mexia, without getting mad at one another."

The news then applauded this comment and still does, although it came in for a blistering by the President of the Lions club Friday. The News has no better friend than Mr. Hughes. The city has no better citizen than Mr. Hughes. He is appreciated by every friend of progress here, one of which The News hopes itself to be.

The News is happy to have been considered of such importance to the welfare of this city as to command attention for the full hour of the Lions luncheon, at which time Mr. Hughes presented one article which he deemed should not have appeared in the home newspaper.

The News makes mistakes. When it does, there they are in black and white for every reader to see them. It can only retrieve itself by bending every energy within reason to prove that any error that might have been committed was of the head and not of the heart.

Mr. Hughes called attention to an article that appeared in The Mexia Daily News the Friday before Christmas in which was reported the records of the City of Mexia as to building permits issued in the city during 1923. The total of the permits amounted to approximately $82,000.

At the time the list was compiled in the City Hall, The News was convinced that the statement did not do justice to the real improvements that had marked a year of normal and substantial advancement here. A supplementary list was made up of homes known to have been constructed during the year not included on the records of the city. Since, the story carried, however, was the official report as compiled from every available record, to have added to it would have weakened the item considerably.

The purpose in carrying the item as it was carried has undoubtedly been accomplished. It has shown those citizens who secured and paid for their permits that there were many here who did not abide by the City ordinance and secure and pay for theirs also. It has shown those who did not secure their permits that they ought to do so yet, and thus avoid any imposition on those who had paid, they themselves thus complying with the law.

The City of Mexia has such an ordinance referred to. It was passed during the oil boom period and was well designed to protect all property owners and citizens here. The ordinance provides a fee of $5.00 for the first thousand dollars to be expended in a new building or improvements on old within the corporate limits and $1.00 for every additional thousand dollars. That ordinance is still in effect here. In the early days, when so many shacks were going up and buildings erected by a transient class, it was necessary to keep a man on the job all the time to see that the ordinance was observed. With a normal condition now existing, the citizens are left more on their honor to comply with the regulation.

The News would, therefore, have no right to pad a record kept in the city hall. In carrying such a report, it is sufficient, as a news item, merely to report "according to the records."

This was brought out in an editorial that appeared soon after the article under discussion, in which it was said that the improvements here were far in excess of those on record, reminding those who had been negligent in the matter of their duty, in order that the reports might be worthy of Mexia and true to conditions here.

Knowing that a bad impression would be made on the minds of those not acquainted with actual facts here, The News did not permit the story to be carried in its Mail Edition, but allowing it to run in the Home Edition where the readers could see just how the ordinance regarding permits was being observed. In The News, a few Fridays preceding, appeared an article showing that one architect alone had handled building contracts amounting to around $80,000.

Ton, let it be remembered by every citizen here that more than 90 per cent of the articles that are carried in the press outside of Mexia are written by the men who make The News and in the office of The Mexia Daily News. The News may be depended on to have enough common sense and loyalty to Mexia not to send out any mal advertising matter to the newspapers of the world. The only time the city of Mexia has been advertised in Europe was when sent out through the world press organizations such as the United Press and Associated Press. The News is official correspondent for the United Press. In the office of The News is the official correspondent of the Associated Press and International News Service. In this office also are written, and by members of The News staff, the news letters to practically every daily newspaper in the country that wants a special correspondent here. This in many instances has been handled at a loss to the institution but ultimately helpful to the entire section. For example, it submitted one item alone, the telegraph tolls on which was approximately $40. It was a telegraph story sent by night wire, night press rate, and commanded almost three columns on the front page of the annual oil edition of the New York Telegraph. When you see "Mexia" used on the date line in an article in the newspapers of the nation, you may safely conclude that the item in question was submitted by The Mexia Daily News and prepared in its offices

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Danish Prince to Wed Canadian Girl.

Prince Erik.

Formal announcement has been made in Ottawa, Can., of the engagement of Miss Lois Francis Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth multi-millionaire Canadian lumberman, to Prince Erik Frederick Christian Alexander, third son of Prince and Princess Waldemar, of Denmark. The Prince, who is 30, is a nephew of the Dowager Queen Alexandra of England and a cousin of King George. He owns a large ranch at Calgary, where he spends much of his time. It is said the Prince of Wales, during his recent trip to Canada, had much to do with making the match.

Dope Across The Border Must End Says Government

(By International News Service)

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 5.—Reaction to the United States Customs Office New Year resolution to check the flow of dope across the border into Texas, being felt here daily with various state departments receiving communications from Washington outlining the 1924 campaign.

Among the first moves to plug up the American borders against narcotic and other smugglers, is a good working agreement with the Mexican government, providing for registration of known international smugglers and co-operation in border protection, Col. L. G. Nutt, secretary of the narcotic control board announced at Washington.

It declared that the Mexican border now presents the most difficult problem to customs officials. A great quantity of dope is coming into the United States from Mexico, having been imported to that country from Spain, Germany, Switzerland and England, and some from China as indicated by labels that have fallen into government hands.

"Conditions throughout the United States improved during the past year and it can be said that the illegal traffic in narcotics was reduced" he said.

"The new year will see a much greater improvement than was noted in 1923.

"Kansas City, a sore spot in enforcement of narcotic laws in the past has considerably improved but that further operations would be conducted there in 1924."

Houston Police Are Befuddled

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 5.—A cat, a torn coat, a brick and a charwoman combined to furnish Houston coppers with one of their busiest nights.

A charwoman, working in the South Texas Commercial National Bank, stepped on a burglar alarm and brought squads of police to the place post haste.

Henry Hamilton, negro, tore his coat. To make odds even he stole a suit from a fellow boarder and after a hectic search officers finally arrested him.

A cat, moved to harmony by a brilliant moon, held a serenade on the back fence of Mrs. J. E. Bell. As she stepped to the door to "shoo" the cat away, a brick whistled thru the air and struck her on the head.

Police worked thruout the night to determine whether the brick was meant for the cat or Mrs. Bell.

Mabel Normand Will Fight the Barring of Films

By H. E. SWISHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—"I am absolutely blameless in this matter and it is unjust for the censors or any one to condemn me before they have heard my story."

Mable Normand, film star, whose chauffeur shot and wounded Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man when he found Miss Normand in Dines' apartment New Year's Day, today began her fight to prevent her films from being banned throughout the country, in a plea to the public and boards of censors, not to condemn her to the fate of Fatty Arbuckle until her side of the story has been heard, the film star, from her sick bed in the Good Samaritan Hospital here, said:

"I do not believe Greer(the Chauffeur) had any attachment for me. But because this man went out of his way I have to pay the penalty.

"I appeal to the sense of justice and fair play of the people.

"All I ask is a chance to show that I am innocent.

"Until my story comes out in court I ask the people to withhold judgment.

"There was nothing in anyway wrong at Dines' apartment. There was nothing like a 'party,' such as seems to be the general impression."

Miss Normand, informed of the action of censors in several states who recommended suspension of her pictures was visibly affected.

"Because he (Greer,) fired those shots is every censor in the country going to ban my pictures?" she asked

"Greer was out of his head.

"I am not to blame."

HOWARD CARTER DISCOVERER OF TUT'S TOMB IS SICK

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Fear is expressed in dispatches received here from Luxor that Howard Carter, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankh-amen, is in bad health and suffering from excitement caused by the magnificent discoveries. Yesterday in blazing midafternoon he left the Valley of Kings with a heavy overcoat wrapped around him. His face was lined and he had a worried aspect, said the report. He is having trouble with the Egyptian government due to the enormous value of recent findings.

ROBBERS WRECK SAFE OF BANG AND SECURE $20,000

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Bank robbers wrecked the vault of the State Bank and Trust Company at San Marcos this morning. One of the two safes in the vault was demolished. It is reported that the robbers escaped with $20,000. The operator at the Katy station saw the men speed away in an automobile shortly after hearing several explosions.

REBELS EXECUTE SOCIALIST GOV. IN MEXICO

MEXICO, CITY, Jan. 5.—The execution of Socialist Governor Felipe Carillo of Yucatan was confirmed in an official stateement. The governor was killed by rebels at Marida, Yucatan.

CHICAGO.—Johnny Wislemer clipped 4 1-5 seconds off the three hundred yard swim record held by Norman Ross of the Illinois Athletic Club.

BoozeLaunches At Galveston Are Held By Guards

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 5.—Two large motor launches—the Cherokee and E-873—were being held under Federal guard today following a raid by customs authorities on a "smugglers' cove" in a small group of islands off San Luis Pass yesterday.

Two thousand quarts of liquor found on the Cherokee and 50 cases on the E-873 were confiscated.

Tipped off that rum-runners were planning a wholesale shipment of liquor from their island headquarters, a party of customs agents from Velasco, under Captain B. J. Allister, set out for the pass.

When they hove into sight several men were seen to dive from the Cherokee into the icy waters. They were pursued but managed to elude the officers among the scattered keys. Boarding the deserted launches authorities took charge of their liquor cargoes.

Shortly afterwards a party of Federal authorities from Galveston, also notified of the smuggling plot, arrived on a launch and the two liquor boats were towed into Galveston. The ships will probably be confiscated and sold at auction.

Three Heirs Seek To Secure Buried Riches of Woman

By the United Press

ATCHISON, Kans., Jan. 5.—Three heirs to the estate of Mrs. Mary Phares, today sought to establish claims to $35,000 in gold buried in two caches, one in Atchison and the other near Superior, Neb.

When the will of Mrs. Phares was filed for probate it related that her grandfather buried $35,000 on his farm near Superior, Neb., leaving a chart describing the location. Mrs. Phares said in 1901 she located the treasure and exhumed $12,000, which she believed was her share. She said she left the remainder and buried the $12,000 at the end of Fifth street in Atchison.

Mrs. T. B. Smith, Superior, Neb., Mrs. Estelle Polk and Mrs. Lillian Lindsey of Leavenworth claimed the money. Mrs. Smith said Mrs. Polk had secretely withdrawn $3,800 from the Superior "landmark." Mrs. Polk denied getting the money.

King George Will Not Be Allowed To Return To Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—King George will not be allowed to return to Greece until there has been an impartialpelbescite in which the nation will vote for a kingdom or a republic, Eleutherios Venizelos said today.

In event the people wish a kingdom they will be allowed to decide what dynasty shall occupy the throne, the former premier continued.

Venizelos, called back to take charge of the country after expulsion of the king, was to be elected president of the National Assembly this afternoon. He announced in advance he would accept the post.

Ohio River Is On Rampage And Still Rising, Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The Ohio River reached a stage of 54.3 feet here today and Government meteorologists said they believed the flood soon would begin to recede.

The waters still are rising slowly, however.

Ironton, upstream from here, reported the flood had forced several families to evacuate their homes.

At Louisville, Ky., the danger mark of 28 feet had been passed but the stage was not expected to go above 30 feet.

Dade Park Race Track, 40 miles below Owensboro, Ky., was flooded today.

Dr. Parks Defies Bishops in Doctrine War.

Rev Dr Leighton Parker

Doffing the vestments of his office and donning his academic robes as Doctor of Theology, Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, one of the leading Episcopal ministers of America, astounded his hearers in St. Bartholomew's Church, in New York City, by declaring he did not believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ or His bodily resurrection after crucifixion. He added that he would welcome a heresy charge against him by Bishop Manning. St. Bartholomew's is one of the wealthiest congregations and most exclusive churches in the East, numbering leaders of the financial and social world among its parishioners.

35th Division Commander To Be Picked Soon

(By International News)

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 5.—A contest between Adjt. General W. A. Rapp of Missouri and Brig. Gen. C. I. Martin of Kansas, for the position as commander of the 35th Division, will be settled sometime this month.

The states interested in the selection of the commander of this division are Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. General Martin, who commanded the 35th Division a part of the time it was in France has the indorsement of Gov. Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas and Gov. Charles Bryan of Nebraska. General Rapp has the indorsement of Gov. Arthur M. Hyde of Missouri, and the entire Missouri delegation in congress is working for his appointment.

Should it be impossible for the two factions to get together on either candidate, it is said a compromise may be made either on Adjt. Gen R. N. Rahn of Kansas, or Adjt. Gen. H. J. Paul of Nebraska.

Kansas national guardsmen are working hard for the appointment of General Martin.

The appointment carries with it the rank of major general and the appointment of staff officers.

Mexican Rebels Said In Possession of San Lius Potisi

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 5.—The Huasteca oil field district is now in the hands of rebel forces according to telegrams received here from the De La Huerta press bureau at Vera Cruz.

A column of 1,000 men is marching on San Luis Potosi to replace Governor Prieto Laurens in the gubernatorial chair which he occupied before joining the revolt, it was stated.

General Castro is reported marching on Puebla, recently taken by Federals after a bloody battle. Farmers and laborers along the line of march are flocking to his standard, the Vera Cruze reports stated.

Rebel officials at Vera Cruz are guaranteeing immunity from harm to foreigners any place within the territory held by their forces, who are desirous of leaving the country.

MISS NORTON TO LEAVE FORCALIFORNIA SOON

The host of friends of Miss Reuby Lee Norton will regret to learn that she has resigned as superintendent of the Brown hospital, effective the 10th of this month, and that she will leave right away for Los Angeles, Cal. Miss Norton will be followed with the well wishes of many who hold her in high esteem and regard. Hre place will be ably filled by Miss McLuny, a graduate nurse of Waxahachie.

Reorganization Of Greek State Is Now Awaited

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—Venizelos was elected president of the National Assembly by a unanimous vote this afternoon. This clears the way for the reorganization of the Greek state under a man of the House leadership.

U. S. MARSHAL OF NORTH TEXAS RESIGNED

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 5—United States Marshal Eldridge of the Northern District of Texas, resigned in a letter to Washington. Private business was given as the cause

Seine River Is Inundating Part of City of Paris

By WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The flooded river Seine invaded the Invalides Railway Station today adding to the demoralization of Paris rail traffic.

A big wall between the river and station broke suddenly and the water rushed in filling the lower part of the building. The railway cut which follows the Seine several miles to Javel was filled with 16 feet of water.

All the lower platforms of the Invalides station were submerged by the swirling brown flood which reached to the floor of the main waiting rooms.

Owing to previous evacuation of the building nobody was caught.

There was no rain today and authorities hoped the crest of the flood would be reached within the next 24 hours.

Police announced they had aided 4,525 families to evacuate their homes, while unofficial sources placed the total number of evacuations in the entire Seine Marne Valleys in the region of Paris at near 10,000.

Additional flood waters filtered into the Chamber of Deputies and the subway stations, but the traffic on underground lines continued.

Freestone County Drilling Report

The Shirley and Gillespie interests in their No. 1 Hackney-Weaver or Cotton Gin or Simsboro well are drilling at 1360 feet after having changed from wood to oil fuel. Day and night shifts are employed on this test northwest of Teague. It is rumored that these interests have made location and have ordered derrick for their test on their "South" block about two miles west of Teague. This locality has long been favorably reported by geologists.

The Keechi well in the southeast part of the country is shut down awaiting the arrival of officials.

The final test in completing the blocking of acreage for another test well near Butler about twenty miles east of Teague will be compdeted this week. It will be recalled that Mike Haley drilled two wells in this vicinity at about 1800 feet each.

The O. K. Oil and Gas Company report that casing is expected the latter part of the week for their No. 1 Knight test near Luna. This well has been shut down several months due to inability to case well which has shown oil and gas. It is thought that production may be had at its present depth between 3000 and 3500 feet.

L. A. Smith reports rig moving in for his Edwards Ranch test well about 18 miles southeast of Teague.

The Green well 4 miles east of Teague is reported drilling in lime sand showing oil and gas. Core has been taken and drilling is being done slowly.

Among the opium producing countries in the world are China, Turkey, Persia and India.

Oswego, N. Y., at one time was the third largest lumber market in the United States.

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THE WORK OF RIGHEOUSNESS SHALL BE PEACE: and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32:17-18.

BUT THE SIGNALS WERE THERE

Going into Philadelphia not long ago the express car at the head of a through train developed a hot box so serious that the train could not continue on its way. It was backed to a switch and stood on the westbound track to permit another [illegible] from Pittsburgh to pass. Meanwhile the limping express car was uncoupled from the train.

Only the lamps in the signals overhead kept the delayed train [illegible] being struck by an express from the other direction. But the signals were there and no one on the train gave safety a second thought.

If there had been a minister aboard he would have seen in the incident a parallel to life itself.

Every day we all are in potential danger. The steering knuckle may break, the drawbridge may fall, the street car may [illegible]. The fresh Angel Number of newspapers MAY happen. Suppose [illegible]

[illegible] a philosophy which gives him the firm belief that God is over all and that [illegible] is good in every [illegible] the guidance of Christ [illegible] he will seek [illegible] he is sure good will [illegible]

[illegible] the people [illegible] Days of God by regular [illegible]

[illegible] PAPER WRITTEN BY [illegible] IN THE NEWS

[illegible] from Texas and Lubbock [illegible] with from Washington [illegible] in The Mexia Daily [illegible]

[illegible] spirit of pride, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

"GOODBY," TICKER TICKS TO BROKER.

John Borg. ret.

In 1897 John Borg got a job as a runner in Wall Street at $4 a week. He decided that when he was worth $2,000,000 he would retire. Now, with his $2,000,000 safely invested, though only 41 years of age, he has given his entire curb brokerage business to his junior partners and retired to devote the balance of his life to running a newspaper in New Jersey. He has given away immense sums or he would have his $2,000,000 before now.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS
By N. P. Houx

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REEL POETRY

Whatever troubles Adam had,
That haunted like a spector,
He never lost a moment's sleep
About the tax collector.
—Terrell Transcript.

Whatever troubles Adam had
To vex and fret a man,
He had no lodge excuse at night,
Not even Ku Klux Klan.
—Mineral Wells Index.

Third Reel.

Whatever troubles Adam had,
To vex him with his labors,
He wasn't bothered all the time
By curious, gossipy neighbors.
—Bryan Eagle.

Fourth Reel.

Whatever trouble Adam had,
As the world turned on its axis
He wasn't bothered (any time)
About paying income taxes.

An Anderson county man claims to have perfected a waterproof cotton. It is to be hoped it is true. However, a fortune awaits the man who perfects a fool-proof automobile.—Denison Herald.

Only the Maker is a fool-proof.

Whether a new year offers, who'll will be next? A republican in full possession of his faculties, and unposed a man of means, has positively refused an office tendered him by the president of the United States. R. B. Creager, republican national committeeman from Texas, has declined the office of ambassador to Mexico. Shade of Webster, Clay, great "Whig" Henry Clay, for [illegible]—Wise County Messenger.

Mr. Creager has more enough to Mexico to get all he wants without going to the City of Mexico.

The fellow who used to go the old days fall his hair off, quarrel home and ride out of town whooping and shooting now [illegible] who gets a dad [illegible] and stay on her while he holds his thumb on the horn to notify folks that he must [illegible] without brains.—Logan in Denton Record-Chronicle.

It has been demonstrated many times how to [illegible] but take burns to go an automobile. Just gas, that dad pays for, does the trick.

We have a perfectly good set of New Year resolutions that have not been used. They have been well-cared for, having been taken out and dusted off carefully every Jan. 1st for a number of years and then placed back in soft cotton and moth balls. Will exchange for anything of like value.—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

Dear Sam.—Herewith find one German mark. Please send about the resolutions—and keep the change.

Isn't it funny? It takes twenty-one years to make a man; but with a supply of lip sticks, paint, powder, rouge and hair a beauty artist can make a woman in half an hour.—Terrell Transcript.

Not so. She just thinks she is a woman. Same as a kid with a cigaret in his mouth thinks he is a man.

John Henry Kirby, who was born in the piney woods of East Texas and who is said to be a millionaire several times, demonstrated that he had a heart when he acted Santa Claus to more than five thousand little kiddies, whose parents worked for his big lumber company in East Texas and Louisiana. It is stated that Mr Kirby ordered Santa Claus to distribute 25,000 presents. That is what we call doing the right clean thing at the proper time. We have never seen a rich man die and take his money with him. John Henry Kirby is leaving a record, that he wants to divide part of his while on earth and scatter sunshine among the poor and the needy.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

John Henry is full of those sort of tricks. One time when he was a member of the Texas legislature he gave his entire salary and mileage to one of his friends who needed a little temporary help.

One of the best Christmas presents Palestine and Anderson county received was the news from Freestone county, our neighbor to the west, that it had voted more than one million dollars for good roads. This means that we will get a bridge across the Trinity river and a through highway to the west. This section has long needed an east and west highway, and with the Trinity river bridge the rest will be comparatively easy. The people of Freestone county are to be congratulated for their progressive step, and for their decision to connect up with the State's system of highways. A number of East Texas counties are building a highway system that will compare with the best in the State, and will make this a new country, easily approached, and should bring the lands and the farms into demand. East Texas is the garden spot of Texas, and some day it is going to be a paradise, the superior to the best sections of California.—Palestine Herald.

MARK TWAIN ON "MAN"

"Man can't sleep out of doors without freezing to death or getting rheumatism; he can't keep his nose under water over a minute without being drowned. He's the poorest clumsiest excuse of all the creatures that inhabit the earth.

"He has to be coddled, housed and swathed and bandaged to be able to live at all. He is a rickety sort of thing anyway you take him—a regular British Museum of infirmities and inferiorities.

"He is always undergoing repairs. A machine as unreliable as he is would have no market value.

"The higher animals get their teeth without pain or inconvenience. Man's came through mouth of cruel torture at a time when he is least able to bear it. As soon as he gets them they must be pulled out again. The second do will answer for a while, but he will never get a set that can be depended on till the dentist makes one.

"Man starts in as a child and lives on diseases to the end, as a regular diet. He has mumps, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, croup, tonsilitis, diphtheria, as a matter of course.

"Afterwards as he goes along, his life continues to be threatened at every turn by colds, coughs, asthma, bronchitis, quinsy, consumption, yellow fever, bladness, influenza, carbuncles, pneumonia, softening of the brain and a thousand other maladies of one sort and another.

"He's just a basketful of pestilent corruption, provided for the support and entertainment of microbes. Look at the workmanship of him in some particulars.

"What is his appendix for. It has no value. Its sole interest is to lie and wait for grapeseeds and breed trouble.

"What is his beard for? It is just a nuisance. All nations prosecute it with the razor. Nature, however, always keeps him supplied with it, instead of putting it on his head.

"A man wants to keep his hair. It is a graceful ornament, a comfort, the best protection against weather, and he prizes it above emeralds and rubies, and half the time Nature puts it on so it won't stay.

"Man isn't even handsome, as compared with the birds; and as for style look at the Bengal tiger—that ideal of grace, physical perfection and majesty.

"Think of the lion and the tiger—and the leopard,—then think of man—that poor thing! The animal of the

wig, the ear trumpet, the glass eye, the porcelain teeth, the wooden leg, the silver windpipe—a creature that is mended all over from top to bottom.

"If he can't get renewals of his bric-abrac in the next world, what will he look like?"

STATE INSTITUTIONS

Texas has seventeen eleemosynary institutions. They are as follows:

1 Confederate Home
2 Confederate Woman's Home
3 School for the Blind
4 School for the Deaf
5 Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored
6 Orphan's Home
7 Girls' Training School
8 Juvenile Training School
9 Feeble Minded Colony
10 East Texas Hospital for Insane
11 North Texas Hospital for Insane
12 Southwestern Insane Asylum
13 State Lunatic Asylum
14 North West Texas Insane Asylum
15 State Epileptic Colony
16 American Legion Memo Sanitarium
17 Tuberculosis Sanitarium

DISASTERS

Unequaled in modern times was the disaster that befell Japan on September 1 when violent earthquake shocks and resultant fires destroyed Yokohama entirely and about two-thirds of Tokyo and ruined many smaller towns. The number of killed was estimated at 225,000, and the injured at more than half that number. Though many of the houses were flimsy, the property loss was enormous. The hundreds of thousands of refugees suffered severely, but the American government and the American Red Cross were swift with relief measures, and other nations joined in the work. Shiploads of food and millions of dollars were rushed to the stricken land, and the Japanese government was materially aided in its task of rebuilding the ruined cities.

Among other serious disasters of the year were, January 3, twenty persons killed by collapse of a bridge at Kelso, Wash.; February 8, mine explosion at Dawson killed 120, and one at Cumberland, B. C., killed 30; February 18, twenty-one patients and three attendants were killed in insane asylum fire on Ward's island, New York; March 10, Greek transport sank with 150 sodliers; April 6, tidal waves in Corea and Japan killed 600; May 14, Hot Springs, Ark., partly destroyed by flood and fire; May 17, seventy-three killed in burning of a schoolhouse at Cleveland, S. C.; June 10, disastrous floods in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado; June 15, thousands of Persians killed by earthquakes; June 18, several towns destroyed by eruption of Mt. Etna; August 14, coal mine explosion at Kemmerer, Wyo., killed 98; August 18, Hongkong badly damaged by typhoon; August 22, million-dollar flood in Arkansas valley, Colorado; September 8, nine U. S. destroyers wrecked on California coast, 23 lives being lost; September 15, typhoon and floods killed 5,000 in Japan; September 17, large part of Berkeley, Cal., destroyed by flames; September 27, forty killed in Burlington train wreck at Lockett, Wyo., November 13, earthquake in Shansi province, China, killed 1,500; December 1, nearly 500 killed by bursting of dam near Bergamo, Italy; December 9, nine killed and many injured in wreck of the Twentieth Century train at Forsythe, N. Y.; December 15, destructive earthquake in Colombia and Ecuador.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Compiled by N. P. Houx
From Files of Mexia Evening News of Jan. 6, 1899.

J. O. Harper of this city has been appointed steward of the insane asylum at Terrell by Governor Sayers.

The new passenger depot has not yet been completed, and some of our people are beginning to doubt that it ever will be built.

Mrs. Sandford Smith is on the sick list.

Mr. Dan Corley of Dallas is visiting his brother, John R. Corley.

W. D. Pittman has a new and select stock of jewelry just in.

Lee Satterwhite of Wortham passed through the city on his way to Austin to be present at the opening of the legislature.

The Knights of Pythias lodge was treated to an oyster supper by Mr. Hovey last night. The lodge is in the habit of visiting the oyster parlor after each meeting, so Mr. Hovey did the honors last night, and has the thanks of all who were present.

Col. W. H. Mabry, of the First Texas Infantry, died yesterday in Havana of pneumonia.

Editorial—The Prison Bulletin, published at Huntsville, is responsible for this lump of wit: "The old proverb, 'A man is known by the company he keeps,' is rather a tough reflection on sheriffs and convict guards."

CHARGES HUSBAND TRIED TO SELL HER

Elsier LaMaie and Mrs. Helen LaMaie

The entire country has been aroused by the charge of Mrs. Helen LaMaie, who alleged in the Los Angeles [illegible] ce courts that her husband, Elsie LeMaie, Hollywood motion picture director, had tried to sell her to Lou Harris, an immensely wealthy negro gambler at Tia Juana, Mexico for $500,000, of which, she alleges, she was to receive $1[illegible],000 if she permitted herself to be sold. LeMaie denies the charges.

MAYOR RIDES IN FLIVVER

FORT WORTH, Jan. 5.—Mayor Cockrell has set Fort Worth citizens an example in the matter of economy.

With the city deeply in debt, Mayor Cockrell has abandoned the expensive six-cylinder automobile furnished him by the city and now takes his air in a flivver.

Westminster hall has been flooded at least twice by the Thames.

SPECIAL
—One counter of Children's Hosiery at ----------19¢

Hi Skinny!

"We're going down to Cheeves' store, the place where they sell good clothes for boys!"

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Sizes 12 to 18
$15.00 Overcoats at.....$10.95
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Boys Like To Visit Cheeves They get just what they want

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—Our Suit offering will be in effect. Dozens of suits at prices which will appeal to every mother and the suits are just what real American boys want.

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—Every mother who has boys should visit our store this week.

Sweaters - Coats and Slip-Over Styles

—A big assortment in just the colors boys want for school wear. Roomy and warm as can be.

$7.50 Sweaters ----------$4.95
$5.95 Sweaters ----------$3.95
$3.95 Sweaters ----------$2.50
$2.95 Sweaters ----------$1.95
$2.50 Sweaters ----------$1.75
$1.25 Sweaters ----------$ .95

A Big Line of Caps for Boys

$1.50 Caps at----------$1.19
$1.00 Caps at----------79¢

Boys' Knit Union Suits

$1.25 Union Suits at--------$1.00
$1.00 Union Suits at----------75¢

SHOES— for School and Dress Wear

$5.00 Shose at----------$3.95
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Army Shoes at----------$3.50
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Mrs. Kennedy Chosen President Central Presbyterian Missionary Society at Wednesday's Meeting

The Womens Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian Church met at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 and elected the following officers for the next year.

President, Miss Mamie Kennedy.

First Vice President, Mrs. Allen Hatch.

Second Vice President, Mrs. R. D. Morgan.

Secretary, Mrs. Warren Wallace.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Tom Best.

Home Treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Groover.

Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. R. F. Baird.

Secretary of Literature, Mrs. J. R. Forrest.

The Missionary Society meets regularly on Monday afternoon but was postponed necessarily this week.

Hughes Scores Article Carried In Mexia News

The Lions Club held their regular luncheon at the Majestic Cafe Friday. The meeting, which was a purely business one, was called to order at 12:30 by the President J. K. Hughes. After the invocation by Lion Reaves, Mr. J. K. Hughes was introduced by Lion Jackson.

A suggestion that it be arranged by the secretary for two Lions each week to bring their ladies to the luncheon was adopted by the Club.

An address by Lion J. K. Hughes was the central feature of the program. He directed criticism against an article appearing recently in the Mexia Daily News concerning the amount of building permits issued in the city during 1923. He stated that he wish it to be fair in the matter of his criticism and it was his purpose merely to bring out the one great desire of his for a better Mexia. The surest way to build a greater Mexia, he contended, through the local papers as well as through newspapers elsewhere in the state. He expressed a belief that it would be profitable to advertise the city in the large papers of the state and if necessary to pay for the advertisement. Another very profitable form of advertising, he said, would be to have smaller conventions of the country meet here and to induce great entertainers and speakers enroute through the state to stop off at different times.

Mr. Hughes informed the Club that the matter of the cotton mills was not a dead issue; that a meeting of a committee on the project is to be held soon and a definite report will be made in an early date.

Speaking in regard to the matter of taking stock, he asked that each member ask himself what he has done to help the betterment of the city, and he asks to resolve that during 1924 he will do his part in aiding the city officials to pull the load.

Several projects now before the club were enumerated by Mr. Hughes with the statement that "If we haven't these things completed or well under way by the end of the year I'll think that I haven't done my part." They were Cotton Mill for Mexia, Home for the American Legion, New Charter, pave all 1st or 2nd water, more paved streets, and country club with golf links.

The report of the white way committee given by Lion Morgan showed that this committee has done a splendid work on this project. At Mr. Morgan's request another committee selected the list to carry forward the matter. It was also decided that the project be taken up with the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and closed as early as possible.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Program for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1924:

Leader—Mrs. J. W. Still.

Hymn—My faith looks up to Thee.

Prayer—For the enlightening and quickening presence of God's spirit in this meeting.

Devotional—Some impossible task God has accomplished—Mrs. Schultz.

Prayer—That we may have a new and deeper realization of God's power to expand it for His own purposes.

Hymn—Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

Business—Election of officers.

Prayer—For success of faith to meet the issues of new opportunities.

Special music.

Talk—Missionary Epistles—Mrs. Dan Bell.

Reading—Paul the prisoner—Mrs. Sam Cleaves.

Hymn—Christ Arose.

Prayer—That the Spirit of Jesus may be in the heart of every one who has taken the Lord's name upon them.

Hymn—Blest be the tie that binds.

Benediction.

All the people who [illegible] models.

PETER THE HERMIT LOSING HIS HOME

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (United Press.)—Peter the Hermit, who, ever since Hollywood's sudden rise to fame as the home of movie celebrities, scandals and "sympathetic" gin, has been one of the landmarks pointed out to the visitor, along with the home of Mary Pickford, is being crowded further and further into the foothills by civilization. In fact, there is some doubt that he is a hermit any more.

For 16 years, Peter has been a familiar figure on the streets of the city. Bareheaded and bare-footed, with his faithful dog, Dixie, and his donkey, Lizzie, as his only companions, he has roamed at will. But now, the energetic real estate subdivisers are encroaching on his kingdom. His hillside hut is no more a place of seclusion.

Any day now the natives are expecting the Hermit to pack his tent, take his dog and donkey, and steal silently over the hill, where he will no longer be bothered by the worry, love, hate and excitement of the present day.

COW AND HEN BRING PROSPERITY

A few days ago, I had some institutes down in Harrison county, Indiana. I had long anticipated the trip because Harrison county contains one of the most famous poultry centers in the Middle West and because it was at Corydon that the first Hoosier state constitution was adopted more than a hundred years ago.

But the history of Harrison county is identical with the past of many another county. When the land was first cleared, it would raise excellent crops of clover, wheat and corn. But the soil was exploited as all virgin soil is in forty or fifty years it became very unproductive.

The Southern railroad runs thru this territory and about twenty years ago it put on something new—an agricultural and industrial agent. In order to make business for the road he knew that he must make the agriculture along the road permanent. His name was Carleton Ball and he started the ball of prosperity rolling by interesting the folks in poultry and cattle.

Harvey Davis bought the first mammoth incubator in 1907. It took 6,000 eggs to set it. Then others went into the business. Now there are in Harrison county, sixteen commercial hatcheries that turn out a million and a half chicks a year. To supply hatching eggs for these concerns, literally hundreds of farmers are keeping poultry. I saw a great many flocks that number more than 500 hens. As near as could be estimated, 25,000 cases of eggs are shipped out of Harrison county every year. Even on that poor soil, I saw more painted buildings and modernized farm homes than I have seen in any other county in the last year.—"The County Agent," in Farm Life.

THE CAR OWNERS PAYS FOR THE ROADS

People who do not drive automobiles sometimes complain about the enormous sums of money spent on highway improvement. "The road," they say, "cost a lot of money and the car owners get most of the benefit." In a measure that is true; but it should not be forgotten that the car owners pay for the roads. It is probable, indeed, that they more than pay for the roads. The federal government, for instance, reports that it has paid out $264,782,216 on account of Federal Aid highways, Forest Roads construction and expenses of administration. But this is not a tax on the non-car owner because the government has collected $589,012,021 in taxes on automobiles, tires and accessories. This leaves more than three hundred million dollars of automobile money to be turned into the treasury for general purposes. In the states, license fees, galosine taxes and other charges—to say nothing of the property tax—usually take care of the road building program and sometimes leave a surplus. These facts should be considered in tax reducing programs. It is not necessary to fight sensible appropriations for making roads since the driver pays his own way.—Farm Life.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of $2,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT?—Four per cent normal tax on the first $4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over $6,000 for the year 1923.

BUCAREST.—The first congress of the Women's Little Entente was held here last November.

A second piece of pie exemplifies the small boy's idea of getting his just deserts.

HUMBLE TAKES POSTOAK OIL

The Humble Pipe Line Company will enter the market for Postoak oil, according to announcement in Marlin.

The Humble Company will run a four-inch pipe line from its pumping station south of Chilton to the Postoak area.

The oil will be purchased on the same basis as Ranger crude.

The present quotation on Ranger crude is 90 cents per barrel, as the result of a recent advance, prior to which the Postoak Company of Chilton sold 3000 barrels to the National Petroleum Company of Dallas at 75 cents.

The Dallas refiners have already laid a pipe line from the Postoak field to loading racks on the Sap railroad at Chilton.

DELPHIAN CLUB

The Delphian Club will meet next Wednesday, January 9th at the public library. All members are urged to be present.

SPORT TABS

PHILADELPHIA.—Yale was voted the champion football team of the East and award the Jelly Trophy at the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Veteran Athletets, an organization of prominent sportmen. Bill Roper, Princeton coach and member of the board,, voted for Yale over Cornell.

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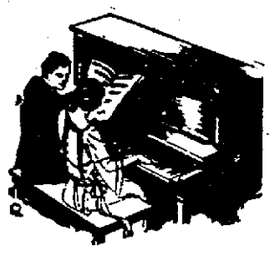

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38 acres land 3 miles northeast of town—not rented.

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Jesse McLendon
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NOT LIKE A SACK OF FLOUR

You drop into the grocery store and ask for a sack of flour. "I have a truck load on the way," says the grocer, "and will send it over in a couple of hours."

That is perfectly satisfactory.

You press the button. Suppose the Electric Company would tell you that they were out of it just now but would send over a package of light in a couple of hours.

The difference is that the Electric company sells service and not a commodity. It must be ready to serve its customers when they want the service. It is as reasonable for an Electric company to be expected to be ready to serve any minute of the day as it is reasonable for the dealer in staple commodities to take two hours to make a delivery.

But this is a factor in the Electric service that many users of the service have not considered when they appraise the service.

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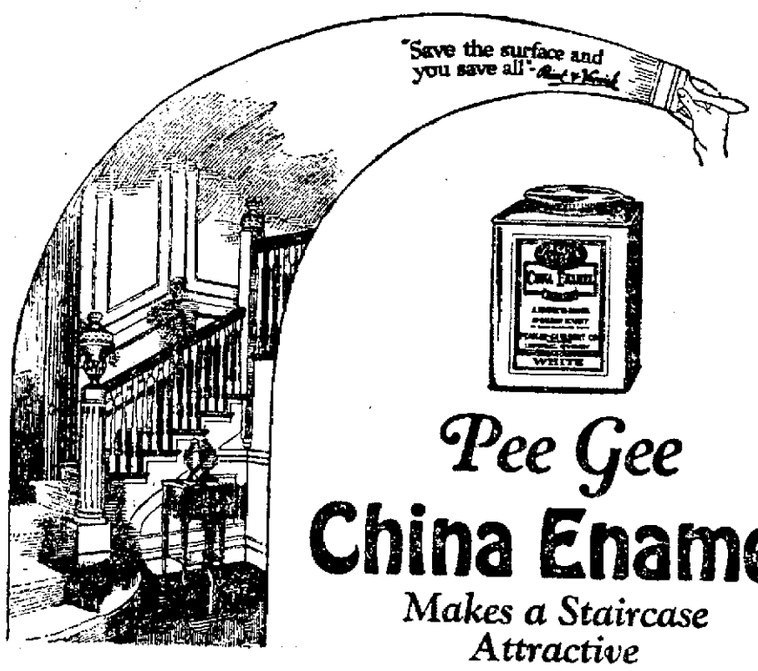

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Hate Follies

Closer fellowship between bankers and farmers was urged and a resolution adopted affirming faith in the efficacy of the co-operative marketing idea at a meeting of the American Bankers Association Agricultural Commission. —*News Item.*

SAVINGS MORE THAN DOUBLE IN DECADE

New York.—Reported savings deposits in banks and trust companies of the United States have more than doubled in amount during the past decade, and the number of accounts have increased by about 141 per cent, figures compiled by the Savings Bank Division, American Bankers Association, show.

"If distributed equally among our entire population, the savings deposits in 1912 would have given $89 to each adult and child in the country," the Division's report says, "but in 1922 the portion of each would have been no less than $158."

The officially reported savings deposits are as follows:

	Deposits	Accounts
1913	$8,425,275,000	12,584,316
1922	17,331,479,000	30,323,320
Increase ..	105.7%	140.9%

"This remarkable growth is attributable to improvement in the services of the banks for savers and to the more consistent canvass for accounts through advertising and soliciting," the report says.

HOW THE NATION IS PROTECTED FROM SERIOUS DISASTER

City Without a Reserve Water Supply Against Destruction by Fire Likened by Bankers' Committee to Business Situation Without Federal Reserve System.

A vital element in everybody's prosperity is that mysterious sounding "something or other" called *bank reserve*, says the Committee on Public Education of the American Bankers Association, adding: "It isn't an easy matter to make simple and interesting, but its importance to every man, woman and child in the country makes the effort worth while." The Committee continues:

Money on deposit must always be ready for depositors when they desire it. Banks must also be ready to loan money, when needed, to their customers, or business would be hampered. In other words, prosperity depends largely on the ability of the banks to meet these demands—that is, depends on the "bank reserves." The problem of handling reserves has been difficult. The Federal Reserve System has met the problem more satisfactorily than any other method ever tried in this country.

The Great Solution

Our banks are managed by officers and directors, elected by their own stockholders. They are interested in helping the town to grow and prosper. But just as a local telephone station is valuable to the interchange of thought because it belongs to a system whose wires reach to all parts of the nation, so the local bank is valuable to the interchange of business because of its connections with other banks in the United States, finding its strength and its usefulness in being part of a system.

For many years a plan was sought whereby our thousands of separate and independent banks could get together and cooperate for the improvement of our banking methods, and for mutual protection in emergencies, both for themselves and customers. We had periodical money panics, dangerously disturbing to business, and chargeable, in large part, to defects in our banking and currency system.

There was no central bank from which the individual banks could get assistance in time of trouble. Panic conditions caused weak banks to fail, and even strong and sound institutions to be imperilled. Bankers, business men, and leaders in Congress for years made a careful study of banking and finally Congress passed a law providing for the establishment of twelve great Federal Reserve Banks, each designed to serve as a sort of central bank for each banks in its allotted territory as it might become members of the Federal Reserve System.

It retained the American plan of independent banks doing business under the management of their own directors and officers. About 10,000 banks have become members of the Federal Reserve System. The member banks in each district own the entire stock of the Federal Reserve bank there, and elect two-thirds of the directors. The other directors are appointed by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, the Governmental body having supervision over the Reserve banks. Though it does not operate them. Its members are appointed by the President of the United States.

The Federal Reserve banks hold member banks' reserves. Formerly each bank carried in its own vault the cash required by law as a legal reserve so that it would be ready to pay depositors on demand. The gold supply of the country was thus scattered among thousands of independent banks.

When Fire Rages

This situation may be likened to the old-time water supply in a town. Each house had to depend on its individual well, tank, or cistern. Picture such a town attacked by fire. If the water was low in one well, from drought, or excessive use, water would have to be borrowed from a neighboring well. Suppose the water in that well also was at a low level. Thus the safety of all was sacrificed because no RESERVE water supply was at hand. The fire would become a conflagration.

Under the Federal Reserve System, we have a series of modern reservoirs, located in various parts of the country, each serving the needs of the banks in its own district. In each of these reservoirs credit is stored up to be supplied to the various banks, as the need arises. Each reservoir is in turn connected with all the others so that when the supply in one becomes low, the others may be temporarily drawn upon. By gathering the gold reserves of the member banks into the twelve Federal Reserve banks, a result has been obtained like that yielded by the construction of a great city water supply.

Each member bank formerly had to depend almost entirely upon its own reserves in making loans to its customers. When it had loaned all of its own money, it could do no more, even though the merchant, manufacturer, or farmer customer had great need of more credit, and was seeking it for highly important and necessary purposes. Hence arose what was called a "tight money" situation. Now the member bank can, and frequently does take the notes of its customers to the Federal Reserve bank, and borrows there in much the same way as its customer borrows from the member bank.

This reserve-storing and loaning work of the Reserve System is only part of the wonderful protection and service it is rendering the nation.

NEGROES ARRESTED IN THE OIL FIELD

Mexia officers arrested two negroes in the oil field district west of town Friday accused of having intoxicants in their possession and also charged with vagrancy. The officers stated that the men had a quantity of the best wine and red whiskey procurable.

The officers had gone in search of another suspect when the two negroes were discovered with the liquor in their posse sion, as they stated.

Franklin drank only water.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

Central Presbyterian church.

Sunday School at 9:45.

J. D. Arrington, superintendent.

Morning services promptly at 11:00.

Evening services at 7:30.

The new pastor, Rev. Victor K. Aubrey will fill both morning and evening pulpits.

You can't expect a man to always agree with you without being paid for it.

B. Halter of Waco was here Thursday.

Automobiles Are Loaned For Half of Bandit's Haul

By JACK A. CEJNAR
(International News Service Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Loaning of weapons and automobiles, for half the proceeds of holdups, is the latest business to spring up in this city according to the police.

The new industry was disclosed, according to detectives, with the arrest here of six negroes, one of whom has confessed in writing, the detectives declared, to the shooting of Harry Leonard, saloonkeeper at 2200 Randolph street, who died as a result of his wounds.

The negro who confessed the shooting was Leon Williams, 28 years old, and he named George Baker, 32, Ruben Bobbitts, 29, Josh Cartwright 28, and Joseph Walker, all negroes, as being associated with him.

According to Williams' confession Walker was proprietor of a saloon on Chouteau street, where the Leonard holdup and others were planned. Baker and Cartwright also confessed authorities said.

Walker, according to Williams, furnished his automobile and two of his revolvers to Williams and his companions, to carry out the Leonard robbery, for the use of which he was to get half the proceeds of the robbery, according to officers.

The negroes, detectives said, also confessed to six other holdups in East St. Louis and here.

While the police contention that New Years' was the dryest and quietest in the city's history seemed to have been borne out by the absence of deaths from liquor poisoning, a survey of the hospitals indicated today that plenty of moonshine liquor, and some of it that "eats varnish off the furniture," was imbibed by holiday revelers here.

During the week including Christmas and New Years', 110 cases of acute alcoholism were treated at the city hospital.

Six children were orphaned here today, because their mother gave their father a Christmas gift of new house slippers, it might be said.

Otto H. Burns, 43, secretary of the Curtiss-Ireland Candy corporation, wearing the Christmas slippers, started down into the basement to bank the fire in the furnace.

The new slippers were slippery, and he fell, breaking his neck, dying almost instantly.

The Rev. Charles D. McGehee, former pastor of the Haven Street Methodist Episcopal church, and later a Ku Klux Klan lecturer, is to face charges before a church tribunal it was announced today.

McGehee's trial was recommended by Bishop McMurray following the report of a committee which investigated McGehee's alleged klan activities. McGehee was automatically suspended from the ministry by the committee's report, it was said.

TURN ABOUT FAIR PLAY

"Turn about is fair play," agree these two Follies beauties. Dorothy Mackaill and Allyn King were both recruited from the famous Ziegfeld show by John S. Robertson for his production of "The Fighting Blade," latest First National starring vehicle of Richard Barthelmess. In the Follies, Allyn King had a more important part than Dorothy Mackaill; but Miss Mackaill thinks she has perhaps just a little the best of the bargain, as in "The Fightin g Blade" she plays opposite Richard Barthelmess. And everybody's happy.

LADD-HANNON INCORPORATE

FT. WORTH, Jan. 5.—The Ladd-Hannon Oil Corporation of Texas has been organized and given a charter, with headquarters at Fort Worth. This concern was incorporated recently by Lou D. Ladd and E. F. Hannon,, who have been operating for many years in the Mid-Continent fields as a partnership.

TO HARNESS THE ATOM TO PROVIDE HEAT AND POWER

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(United Press.) Harnessing of atomic energy may solve the world's future power problems, according to Prof. Herbert S. Philbrick of Northwestern University.

"Water-power cannot replace coal and oil," said Prof. Philbrick. "The future will develope power-producing devices now unknown, among them atomic energy condensers and solar radiation."

Prof. Philbrick declared that America's oil supply would be exhausted in nine years, if only oil was used to generiate power.

"America's coal supply," he said, "is estimated at 2,500 billion tons, the oil supply at 7 billion barrels and the horsepower of the rivers and streams at 50,000,000.

"We have used 5 billion barrels of oil, about 6½ tons of coal per person is used each year and the industries are using more than the potential waterpower of 50,000,000 horsepower," he said.

Prof. Philbrick predicted that within the next 100 years an invention even more significant than the steam engine will be perfected.

(By International News Service)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 5.—"I earnestly appeal for frank and complete vindication," Rev. Lee Heaton said today following withdrawal of heresy charges by Bishop Moore at Dallas. "I shall demand a hearing but this case has surely united the modernists into one solid body for the defense of religious freedom and expression of interpretations," he said. Moore was supposed to have gone to New York but said he missed the train.

"One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives," sighed the philosopher. "Nor even why," sneered the cynic.

Revenge is so sweet that it is sometimes positively sickening.

Great Britain has only one producing oil well.

HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE ROLAND
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Frocks for Girls Are Striking

Black and White in Youthful Combination

Youthfulness and daring are to be encouraged only when sponsored by Dame Fashion, hence the unqualified recommendation for mothers to follow this design in style, material and trimming for girls' frocks.

Black and white are so combined here they are charmingly appropriate for a young girl's dress. French flannel, cotton crepe or a tub material may be used in its development. A material that does not require frequent laundering is suggested, because the trimming is in black velvet ribbon. On a tub fabric, however, the black bands could be of linen. The dress has the sleeves cut in one with the long-waisted blouse and there is a box plait at the front below the belt. The sides are slightly gathered.

Black velvet ribbon forms the belt and there are two strips looped over the belt at the front, with ends draped down to the hem and finished with tassels. The same trimming is used for the round neck and outer seams of the sleeves.

Accompanying the dress is a little hat of white felt trimmed with white grosgrain ribbon. The ribbon is draped around the crown and finished at one side in a wheel cockade. Two and three-quarter yards of material 36 inches wide are needed for the dress and four and one-half yards of ribbon an inch or more wide for the hat.

To make a cockade (Fig. I), the ribbon is folded into nine-inch lengths as in Fig. II, then folded again as in Fig. III. The pieces are

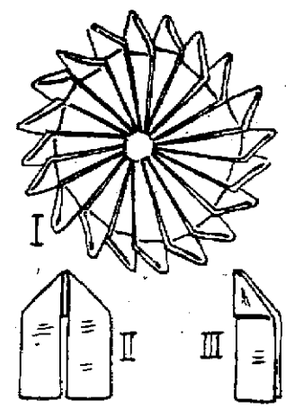

Fig. I—Wheel Cockade
Fig. II—First Fold of Ribbon
Fig. III—Second Fold of Ribbon

then arranged in wheel fashion on a buckram foundation, with the points of the fold extending outward. For the streamers three-eighths of a yard more of ribbon will be required.

If desired, the black and white idea may be extended to the hat, making the folds of ribbon alternate in black and white rows. The hat is equally effective made of silk or heavy crepe de chine.

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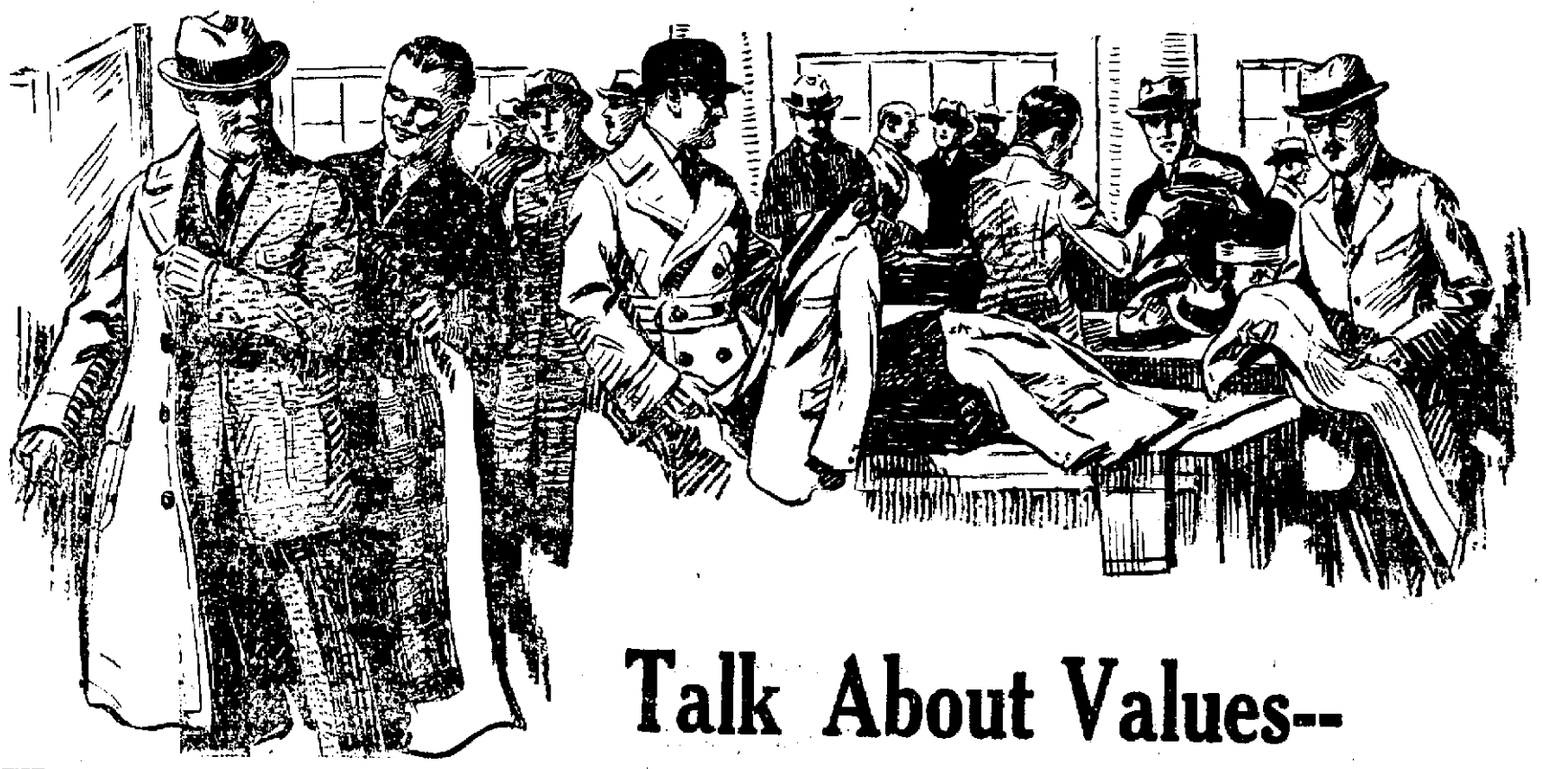

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Writing in Collier's National Weekly, Walter Camp, famous football expert, has selected the following All-American team for the 1923 playing season:

POSITION.	PLAYER.	COLLEGE.
End	Domar	Vanderbilt
Tackle	Milstead	Yale
Guard	Hubbard	Harvard
Centre	Blott	Michigan
Guard	Bedenk	Penn. State
Tackle	Sundstrom	Cornell
End	Hazel	Rutgers
Halfback	Grange	Illinois
Quarterback	Pfann	Cornell
Halfback	Martineau	Minnesota
Fullback	Mallory	Yale

Nativistic Movements Discussed By Stanley Frost In The Outlook

By STANLEY FROST

(In The Outlook, December)

The first, then, of the "nativistic" movements came in the very first years of the Republic. The Federalists wished a firm Central Government; the newly arrived preferred a weak one. So the Federalists made the alien vote an issue, and in 1795 raised the term of naturalization to fourteen years. The Republicans, under Jefferson, restored the term to five years in 1802, and grew powerful on the alien vote—as other political parties have done many times since. The issue was kept alive till it vanished in the War of 1812.

It revived in New York City in 1835, when the alien voters definitely banded together to control the city, parading with banner which read, "Americans must not rule us!" The response of the Americans was instant. They rallied under the leadership of men of whom Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, was one of the best known. He wrote the famous "Brutus" letters, charging that there was an alien, Catholic conspiracy to seize control of America. He attacked the "compact and clannish body of immigrants, avid of office and openly allying themselves as foreigners against the Nation." The movement resulted in practically driving foreigners from office in the city, spread to Boston and Philadelphia, where there were riots, and then slumbered.

The next outbreak was in 1842, when the Democrats again carried New York City and gave the majority of offices to foreigners. Again it won control, and again there were riots and bloodshed and much bitterness. One notable outrage was the looting and burning of a nunnery. Having accomplished its immediate purposes, it again died.

But the alien issue became a tremendous one in 1853. The big immigration from Ireland following the famine of 1847 and from the Continent as a result of the abortive revolutionary movement in 1845-1850 swamped the American voters. This resulted in the formation of "The Sons of 1776, or the Order of the Star-Spangled Banner, the lower edges of which were pledged to vote for none but native Protestants—there was no Negro question then—and the higher orders to force foreigners and Catholics out of all public service. The members were instructed to answer "I don't know" to all questions, and so got the name of "Know-Nothings."

My own boyhood study of history left me with the impression that the Know-Nothings were a queer, obscure, and rather disreputable lot, without any particular influence. Nothing could be further from the facts. They nearly got control of the country. Operating at first by indorsing selected candidates—as the Anti-Saloon League has done and the Ku Klux Klan is doing now—they upset all political calculations in 1853 and 1854. In 1855 their success went to their heads and they came into the open as the American Party. This, as events proved, was a fatal mistake, but it won great immediate success. In that year they carried nine states and narrowly missed six more; the next year they had eight Governors and fourteen legislatures. A sidelight on their standing and membership is the fact that they elected twenty-four ministers to the Massachusetts legislaure. Their strength was chiefly in New England and the South, though they showed sporadic power in all parts of the country.

But the movement died fast. Being a political party, it was forced to take a stand on the burning slavery question, tried to straddle, lost everything but the border states in 1858, and by 1860, after a vain effort to avert the war, had almost vanished. Professor George M. Stephens, the historian, says that "about the only definite thing it accomplished was the binding together of the different racial stocks," but its temporary achievement was much greater. It did, for the time, clean up much local political corruption and drive from office many foreigners and Catholics.

They remembered it after its power was gone, and their efforts, combined with its pusillanimous record on slavery, covered it with obloquy. Its members hunted cover, and it has never had a friendly historian. Perhaps it did not deserve one, for its propaganda was based on the most lurid stories about the Catholic church and was from first to last little but an appeal to prejudice, lacking the dignity of the Morse movement. But it very nearly won complete success.

Following the Civil war there was one other outbreak, the American Protective Association, but it fell under the disrepute left over from the Know-Nothings and, though it once claimed two million members, never achieved any power. The last flicker from it was the famous "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" of the Rev. Dr. Burchard, which defeated Blaine for the Presidency. That debacle convinced politicians once for all that the anti-alien, anti-Catholic agitation was too dangerous to monkey with.

So, in spite of the talk of unfit immigration, unassimilated aliens, hyphenism and preversion of Americanism which has been heard in the last few years, the Ku Klux Klan is the first to dare raise the fundamental issue openly once more. History, as well as the Klan's own success, shows how powerful an appeal that issue may have. And the Klan has not yet made, and its leaders declare that it will not make, the mistakes which wrecked the Know-Nothings. It is evident that the possibilities in such a situation confuse the imagination.

It is evident, too, that an organization which has grown so fast and won such support from so solid a class of citizens, and all in the face of such bitter opposition, possesses enormous vitality. There is some deeper reason for its existence than a desire to masquerade in white hoods, or even to go night-riding and reform the neighbors with a blacksnake whip. Such a growth in itself proves that the movement has an appeal to some deep-seated sentiment, instinct, prejudice, condition or whatever you care to call it, but something widespread, fundamental and very much alive.

High School To Bring Number 3 Luceum Friday

Players, singers and funsters, thrown in for good measure, are the Music Makers, who will give a program on Jan. 11 at the High School Auditorium, under the auspices of the Senior Class. There are four young men in this group, each bubbling with youth and enthusiasm, which is reflected in their program. It is a succession of numbers each more enjoyable than the one preceding. Their appearance here will be one of the most delightful events of the local Lyceum season.

The brass quartet work given with an arrangement of trombones and cornets is the outsanding features of the program. The very highest type of music is chosen for this quartet work, including such selections as "The Soldiers' Chorus," from Counod's "Faust," Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," the "Priests' March," from Athalia, and Schubert's "March Militaire." The manner in which the instruments are handled shows true artistry, and will please the most discriminatnig musical taste.

The vocal numbers have punch and snap, and keep the audience wanting more. While there is not the classical atmosphere to these groups they are nevertheless popular with every group of hearers. And in addition to these musical features, there are readings and dialogue, and a clever comedy skit of American college life, which provides many good laughs. Then for further novelty, there are numbers on the saxaphone, banjo or guitar.

Attractive costuming adds to the enjoyment of the program presented by these music makers, and altogether their entertainment promises to be one long to be remembered.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Sunday partly cloudy; probably rain on coast, with rising temperature.

West Texas—Sunday partly cloudy probably snow flurries in the Panhandle.

L. M. Goodner of Waco was in the city Friday.

FROM THE PEOPLE
INFORMATION WANTED

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 3, 1921

Mr. J. D. Arrington,

Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

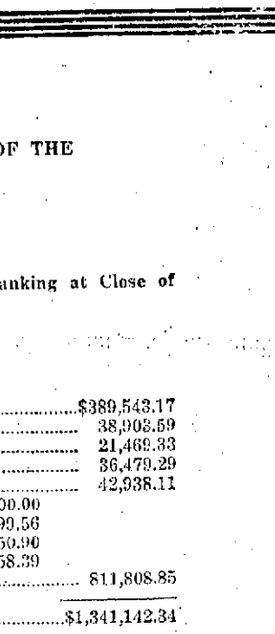
I am interested in getting information as to when and where a man by the name of Jesse Johnson died, who was supposed to have died at Mexia, but have no idea when. He was a very old man about 90 years, and had lived there for some time.

Any information you may be able to furnish will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. G. ALMERAS,

1927 Ave. I, Galveston, Texas.



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NEW-WAY LAUNDRY

Wise Cracks From Southwest Press

The baseball outlook is very bright says the Wichita Beacon, even if the players are not.

Leap Year to some means they get to stay out an extra night, contributes the Wichita Beacon.

If there are any left on the calendar, let's have a "Presidential nomination-election week" and get it over with, urges the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The burden that Europe is having to bear would undoubtedly rest easier on her shoulders suggests the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, if she kept her head there to steady it.

Rufe Hoskins says it is just as well husbands don't know how many of them qualify as disappointments, reports the Oklahoma City Times.

The lad who went to a military school and found he had to get up at 6 a. m., probably will agree with Sherman regarding war, says the Oklahoma City Times.

The latest Hollywood unpleasantness while not particularly intricate is puzzling and vexatious to the Kansas City Star. But probably all will be explained satisfactorily in the next reel.

Our thanks to the anonymous letter writers says the Kansas City Star. They make the perusal of Christmas bills a positive pleasure.

They will never get anywhere with the reparations question as long as some accent it on the "rep," another on "par" and all the balance on "rations," predicts the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

M. C. Harris of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia on last Friday.

OIL MAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO BOY

ELECTRA, Texas, Jan. 4.—Reese Allen, local oil man, today announced award of a yearly scholarship to the boy in the senior class of the Electra High School who makes the highest grade. The scholarship will entitle the winner to a year at some preparatory school or junior college and three years at Princeton University.

Allen said the award was in honor of his son who was killed more than a year ago in an automobile accident while returning from a football game when a student at Princeton.

Miss Willie Gray of Lexington, Kentucky, has been spending the Christmas and New Year season with her cousin, Mrs. Billie Gray. Mrs. Gray's three children have been on a visit at Madill, Oklahoma, for several days and will return with Mr. Gray Sunday.

Will Tubb of Waco was a visitor to the city Friday.

TONIGHT

COLEMAN CRAIG

with His Stereopticon Lecture

"FROM THE PYRAMIDS TO CALVARY"

Actual Photographs Taken While in the Holy Land Only a Few Months Ago

Pictures from Sweden to Germany; From Germany to France; Scenes From Battlefields of France; Trip from Rome through Vatican to Naples; Ancient City, Pompeii; Scenes made from Very Crater of Vesuvius

HISTORIC BIBLE SCENES

The River Jordan; the City Beautiful, Jerusalem; Nazareth, where Jesus Worked in Childhood; Garden of Gethsemane; the Empty Tomb of Jesus.
(The Interior Will Be Shown, Where Our Lord Lay).

Male Quartette: Messrs. Beene, Harper, Jeffers and Samford

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January 6, 1924, 7:30 P. M.

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OF MEXIA, TEXAS

Made Pursuant to the Call of Commissioner of Insurance and Banking at Close of Business December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$389,543.17
Banking House		38,003.59
Furniture and Fixtures		21,469.33
Other Real Estate		36,479.29
Interest and Assessment Guaranty Fund		42,938.11
Call Loans and Commercial Paper	$155,000.00	
Cotton Acceptances	227,999.56	
U. S. Government Securities and School Warrants	133,250.00	
Cash and Due from Banks	295,558.39	
Total Cash and Quick Assets		811,808.85
TOTAL		$1,341,142.34

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	24,096.37
DEPOSITS	1,217,045.97
TOTAL	$1,341,142.34

The above statement is correct.
Jno. H. Sweatt, President.
J. L. Hearn, Cashier.

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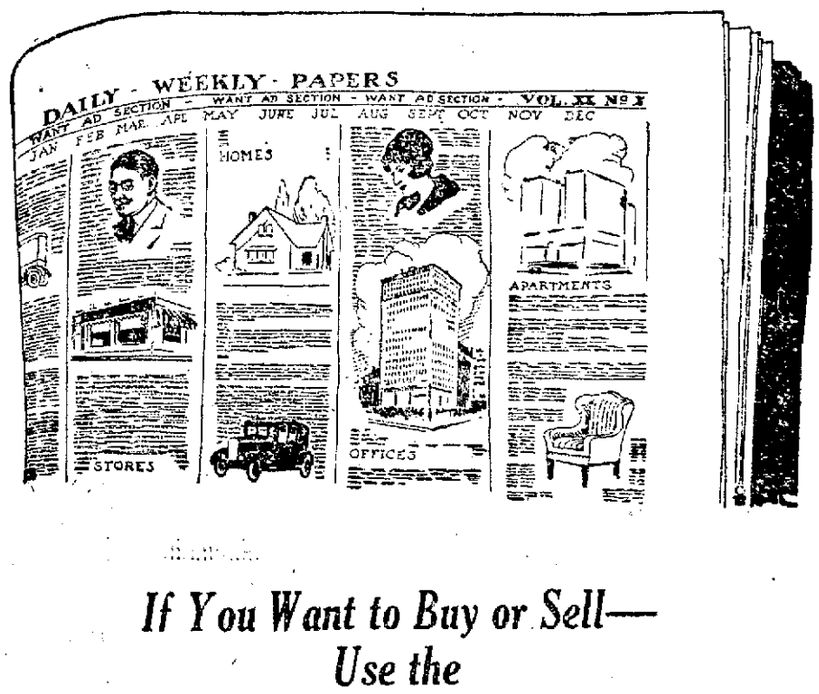
We realize that our own growth is primarily dependent upon the success of our customers. Discuss with us your business requirements and give us the opportunity to assist. Introduce your friends to us. We will appreciate their business and cooperate with them.

WE HAVE NO CITY, COUNTY OR STATE FUNDS ON DEPOSIT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THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

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Well Known Banker And Former Candidate For Governor Dies

TEXARKANA, Texas, Jan. 5.—N. A. Shaw, a banker here, well known in farm political circles and once a candidate for governor, died this morning aged 65. Blood poisoning caused an infection of his hand and resulted in death.

Cold Wave Sweeps County Over; Zero and Lower

BELOW ZERO IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Four persons were frozen to death the past twenty-four hours of the coldest weather in a decade, police reported. It is 16 b low zero.

Washington Says More Coming

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A cold wave has a grip on the middle west and will extend over the east and far into the south by Sunday, the Bureau forecast here. Temperature, ranging from a few degrees above zero to several below will prevail.

Clear But Cold in Ohio

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Clearing skies and intense cold checked flood dangers at many Ohio and Kentucky points along the Ohio River today.

Ashland, Ky., reported the flood waters were receding.

Freezing in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—The cold wave swept into Georgia today beginning the lowest temperatures of the season in many sections. The thermometer in Atlanta dropped to 25 degrees above zero early this morning and this low temperatures were felt as far south as northwestern Florida.

Zero and Snow at Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 5.—A cold wave accompanied by high winds and snow struck Ohio today.

Zero temperatures were reported to be general throughout the State. Snows were heaviest along Lake Erie.

Five below zero was registered at the weather bureau here.

Suffering in Southwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5. Intense suffering was caused throughout the Southwest today by the continuance of the cold wave which has now held sway for a week. Temperature in Kansas City today hovered 10 below zero, the coldest in many years. No relief is in sight, according to forecasters.

Charitable organizations in large cities were besieged for aid. Heavy demands for coal and food and clothing were made by the needy.

Most of the wheat was covered lightly with snow and is expected to be protected.

Considerable loss was reported among livestock on ranges.

Wire and rail communication was demoralized.

Frequent fires were caused by overheated stoves and furnaces.

LOWEST TEMPERATURES

CHICAGO, Jan. 5. The lowest temperatures in a decade struck the Middle West today bringing suffering to thousands in the tenement districts of the large cities.

The mercury stood at 15 below zero in Chicago at six a. m. The lowest mark since 1912 when it was 16 below. Similar low temperatures were reported from practically every section of the Great Lakes region and the Middle West.

Chicago firemen were kept busy answering scalls to 111 fires in 24 hours believed to be a record for this city. Slight relief is in sight weather bureau officials said. Some what higher temperatures are on the way from the Canadian Northwest.

LEAGUE PROGRAM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The program for the Epworth League at the First Methodist Church this afternoon is as follow:

Subject: John Wesley, the Boy and the Student.

Leader: Orelle Gilcrease.

Song, No. 311: Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Scripture Reading: Tim. 2:15.

Prayer: Mrs. Krueger. Lord's Prayer in unison.

Song, No. 370: Gloria Patri.

Aim of the meeting, by leader.

John Wesley, the Boy: Robert Wallace.

The Influence of Methodism: Bowser Crider.

What the Epworthian Should Be: Ruby Miller.

What does the Epworthian contain: Thelma Lewis.

Why Subscribe: Leader.

Song, No. 205: His Way with Thee.

Benediction.

Be sure and come to the League Sunday afternoon at the usual hour of 1:00 p. m. Bring a friend with you and have a good and profitable time.

Size of electric units are now known, but nothing has been learned about their shape.

In France, medical tests are necessary before a driver of a motor car can get a license.

Chamber of Commerce Strives To Retain Present Service Maintained by S. P. Railroad

It was rumored on the streets of Mexia Friday that the management of the Southern Pacific Lines contemplated the discontinuance of the trains 31 and 32. For the information of those not familiar with train numbers, the explanation is offered that train No. 31 is the train leaving here at 12:50 p. m. North bound, arriving in Dallas at 3:40 p. m.; train No. 32 is the train leaving Dallas at 7:10 a. m. and arriving in Mexia at 1008 a. m.

The Chamber of Commerce wired the management of the Southern Pacific as follows:

"Understand you contemplate discontinuing train No. 31 and No. 32. Sincerely trust am misinformed. If such action contemplated respectfully urge that decision be deferred until we are granted hearing. Our information is that these trains pay and they undoubtedly serve an economic need of your patrons and the community in general. Please wire exact status of the matter. Discontinuance of these trains would mean serious inconvenience traveling public."

At 1.10 p. m. Saturday afternoon the following message was received:

"Wire date similiar message received from Mr. Sweatt and committee of Mexia business men and we have replied as follows: 'Receipt of telegram from yourself and committee represent ing business interests of Mexia account of light patronage trains No. 31 and 32 we are making study of the situation but before definite action is taken of the elimination of these trains will be very glad to receive committee for further consideration.' You of course are familiar with our attitude in such matters and would not think of eliminating any train service without first consulting interests along line.

W. C. McCormick."

A. C. Green of Ross and Green Dies In Corsicana Saturday

News was received in Mexia early Saturday afternoon of the death of Mr. A. C. Green, of the firm of Ross & Green of Mexia and Corsicana. Mr. Green has suffered since Christmas Eve with an attack of heart trouble and his death was not unexpected to his close friends. He was about 56 years old, a native of Palestine, Anderson county, Texas, where he has large property interest and while the funeral arrangements have not been announced, it is presumed that he will be buried at his old home.

Mr. Green had a sister, Miss Shirley Green, who died some fifteen years ago.

He was a man who was unselfish in his business life, having done a great deal to help others and he always turned a sympathetic ear to a tale of misfortune.

He was a member of the Corsicana Rotary club, and formerly a member and one of the organizers of the Palestine Rotary club. He was well known to a great many of the older residents of Mexia, particularly Sam, Ben and Dick Jackson and W. B. Jackson. He was a cousin of Ben F. Stollenwerck, secretary of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Ed Prather.

On receipt of the news of Mr. Green's death, Mr. Stollenwerck left at once by automobile for Corsicana.

New Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church Arrives For Service to Mexia

Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, new pastor of the Central Presbyterian Congregation of this city, and family, of St. Joseph, Missouri, arrived at noon Saturday, to take up their permanent residence in Mexia. Rev. Aubrey was pastor of First Presbyterian church at St. Joseph when called to the local field. His family is composed of his wife and their infant son.

Rev. Aubrey will occupy the pulpit at the Central Presbyterian church at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. A large attendance is expected to greet him on both occasions.

Rotary Prepares For The Ladies

Preparations are being made for the ladies night of the Mexia Rotary club which will be held at the Club House at the Reunion Grounds on Thursday night, January 10th.

Full announcement will appear in Monday's paper. On account of the fact that the secretary of the Rotary club was called out of the city on short notice on Saturday afternoon, no definite announcement could be secured, but sufficient information is available to warrant the statement that a pleasant time will be had.

The hour of the dinner is 7:30 p. m. and the Rotarians and their guests are requested to be on time at that hour.

AUSTIN.—Because he was opposed to his new task as executioner Warden E. F. Coleman of the Huntsville state prison announced his resignation today. Four men awaiting death first to die January 16 other three day following.

AUSTIN.—Corpus Christi and Port Arthur today adjudged healthiest cities in state—if consumption prescription whiskey is any indication state's health status. Comptroller's report shows not physician in either city issued prescription last year. Dallas with two fourteen doctors wrote eighty thousand while Houston with fifteen physicians indugled in fifteen thousand. Other cities especially Corsicana and Waco heavy comparatively. Brownsville, El Paso, Galveston light with forty-five thousand issued San Antonio. In Fort Worth sixty-seven thousand prescriptions were issued by hundred and seventy-eight doctors.

FOR SALE—$65.00 Stuges wicker carriage. Will sell at bargain. 704 East Hopkins. 6J2

R. L. Dominy, librarian at Westminster, and Jim Martin, teacher in the Tehuacana Public Schools were in Mexia Saturday.

There wouldn't be so much room at the top if the stairs were easier to climb.

ARTICLE No. 9

One prominent writer is authority for the statement that more than 635 billion hands can be dealt at auction, no two alike. If this is true, it is easy to see that no one can ever be a perfect player and that all the good player can hope for is to beat the average. The practically infinite number of hands that can be dealt make it impossible to lay down any system that will cover every hand. The unexpected turns up too often and the apparently unbeatable hand is often beaten.

One result of the great number of hands that may be dealt is some problems of bidding that have even the experts guessing. When the experts disagree, it is easy to see that the average player is bound to make mistakes at times. For that reason, be easy on your partner and do not take the game too seriously. Play the game for amusement for there is very little amusement, either for you or for your fellow players, if you let the game "get" you.

Do not become one of those players who discusses every hand and informs the other players how they should have played it. An intelligent discussion or analysis of a difficult hand is always interesting and instructive but the "post mortem" fiend never stops at that. No one values gratuitous advice or criticism and this is particularly true at the Auction table.

Another thing to avoid is grumbling, either over bad cards or bad play. The world loves a winner and has little sympathy for a loser, at the Auction table as in everything else. A certain player who understands the psychology of this, if asked how he came out at any particular session, always says: "I won a little." That is the idea. Always tell of your winnings but keep your losses to yourself.

The following hands are interesting and representative of the usual problems of bidding. Lay out the hands and decide upon the proper bid in each instance. In the next article, the proper bids will be given and you will have a chance to compare your bidding with the expert's:

In all of the following hands, Z is the dealer, Y his partner and A-B his opponents.

Hand No. 1

No score. Z bids one no-trump, A passes, Y bids two hearts and B passes. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A
Clubs — A, 5, 2
Diamonds — A, J, 10, 8, 7, 5, 3
Spades — A, 9

Hand No. 2

No score. Z bids one no-trump, A and Y pass and B bids two hearts. Z doubles and A bids three spades. What should Y now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — Q, 6
Clubs — A, K, 10, 9, 6, 3
Diamonds — 10, 8, 2
Spades — 7, 4

Hand No. 3

Score. Y-Z 27; A-B 0. Z bids three diamonds. What should A now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — K, 7, 3
Clubs — None
Diamonds — K, J, 9, 6, 5
Spades — A, K, Q, 10, 7

Hand No. 4

Score. Y-Z, game; A-B, 6. Z bids one heart; A, two diamonds; Y, two hearts; B, two spades; and Z, three hearts. What should A now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A, J, 7, 3
Clubs — A, K
Diamonds — Q, J, 9, 7, 4, 3
Spades — A

Hand No. 5

Score. Y-Z, 0; A-B game and 20. Z bids one no-trump, A bids two spades, Y bids three hearts and B passes. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — 5
Clubs — A, K, J
Diamonds — A, Q, J, 10, 8, 4, 2
Spades — A, 7

Hand No. 6

No score. Z bids one spade and A bids two hearts. What should Y now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A, J, 10, 7, 2
Clubs — K, Q, 6
Diamonds — 9, 8
Spades — J, 4, 2

Hand No. 7

Score. Game all and 20 all. Z bids one no-trump, A bids two hearts, Y passes and B bids three diamonds. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — K, Q, 6, 3
Clubs — K, J, 5, 2
Diamonds — A, J
Spades — K, Q, 8

Hand No. 8

No score. Z bids one spade, A and Y pass, B bids two hearts. Z bids two spades, A bids three hearts and Y and B pass. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — 10
Clubs — 9, 7, 2
Diamonds — A, K, 9, 5
Spades — K, Q, J, 9, 5

Solution to Problem No. 4

	Hearts — A, 7, 6 Clubs — Q, J, 9, 7, 6 Diamonds — A, 2 Spades — A, 4, 2	
Hearts — Q, 10, 3 Clubs — 10, 8, 3 Diamonds — 5, 4, 3 Spades — K, Q, J, 10	Y A B Z	Hearts — 9, 8, 5, 2 Clubs — 5, 4, 2 Diamonds — Q, 10, 9, 8 Spades — 9, 3
	Hearts — K, J, 4 Clubs — A, K Diamonds — K, J, 7, 6 Spades — 8, 7, 6, 5	

Z, the dealer, bid one no-trump, the others passed, and A led the king of spades. The problem is to obtain a little slam against perfect defense.

When the dummy hand was placed on the table, Z saw at once that he had four odd at no-trump and therefore the game. A good player, once he is sure of game, should try for a slam. The best play is to win the first trick with the ace of spades, take two rounds of clubs and then throw dummy in with ace of diamonds and lead the remaining three rounds of clubs, on which Z should discard all three of his spades. B's first discard should be a small heart, to warn his partner that he must guard the heart suit, and his second discard his last spade. These discards mark B's hand as having the diamond suit and nothing more. A's first discards should be two small diamonds. Z correctly reasons that A probably holds both the queen of hearts and three top spades. The problem then is to force him to discard either the three spades or one heart and thus "squeeze" him out of a trick. Z then plays a small diamond from dummy, finesses his jack, plays his king, and follows with his low diamond which B wins with the queen. A is thus compelled to make three discards. The first and second discards are spades but at the third discard he is forced to discard either a low heart, unguarding the queen, or discard his top spade. If he discards the heart, dummy discards the spade; if he discards the spade, dummy discards his heart. In either event Z now wins the remaining tricks and scores a little slam. This forcing of discards, the so-called "squeeze," occurs very frequently and as the example given is a typical one, it should be carefully studied.

In what was probably the coldest spell experienced this winter by this locality the thermometer dropped early Saturday morning to 22 degrees. About noon it had risen again to 30 degrees where it stood during he remainder of the day. On account of the absence of winds the cold was not as noticable as that of other spells of the year.

California has passed the million mark in automobile registration.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

Sherwood Eddy, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. speaking in Indianapolis Saturday afternoon gave vent to the following as copied from his talk in the Dallas News, "Everywhere there is protest against political, industrial and racial autocracy, revolution is astir and every where mankind is torn with strife."

In our feeble way we challenge this statement and brand it as a libel on the American people. We stand four square for and with the Y. M. C. A. but when some one of its votaries gets such nauseating fumes off his spleen we think that some one should call a halt and demand a retractation. Why Mr. Sherwood Eddy should say that "revolution is astir and every where mankind is torn with strife" we cannot in a most evasive manner accept or consider. This is a coursory treatment of the subject he was endeavoring to handle and no cogent reason exists for his statement. It is such wild language as this that the Red in his effort to overthrow this government fastens on and gives it back to his own as coming from an American Citizen. The Soviet—The Bolshevik, the Anarchist the Radical and Socialist grasp every word of such as a standing vendication of their claims. Here in this land, and the only one that today whose money is worth one hundred cents on the dollar—where any one that wants to work can do so and where happiness is unrestricted and personal gain limited only by the individual effort—we cannot understand why any man can preach such a gospel. This bears weight also coming from the source that it does. There is no political, industrial or racial autocracy in this land of ours. There is political discussion and well be it—it is the cleansing balm of our government—there is industrial competetion and progress and without it we would be as stagnant as Europe's smoldering heaps and fostered ambitions. As to racial autocracy this argument dies a-borning—it is the far-flung dream of misanthrope. Why speak of racial autocracy in a nation where in it each and every year the humble and struggling, yet firm and industrious rise to the peaks of affluence and success. About us on every hand is a refutation of Mr. Eddy's statements. If Mr. Eddy can see where mankind is torn with strife he is most assuredly looking through a pair of befogged glasses dipped in the scum of personal ambition. No nation has ever enjoyed greater prosperity than that of our own. No nation was ever more secure in its form of government and none more happy and content. The world is calling on us every day from the Far East to the two poles for bread and succor and none have gone away hungry. The United States of America stands today the towering beacon of civilization and none be there who can with insidious effort tear from her hand the light of liberty and the hope of a new day for all mankind.

Mr. Eddy is no doubt suffering from a disease that is best described in the word "prolixity"—by referring to the dictionary we find that this means or implies "excessive and wearisome attention to trivial particulars." In other words if you or I want to find woe and discontent in this land of milk and honey we can very easily do so. But if on the other hand our's is a forward looking effort, if the love of man and fear of God is in our hearts, if our souls are set for the best that is possible and our lives in atune with the love of duty and the law of service then happy indeed we should be for the prospect that is before us. The sun never rose over a grander nation and it's rays never mirtured a more loyal people than those today who kiss and salute the stars and strips.—Contributed.

According to reports on the streets Saturday there are two cases of scarlet fever and one of small pox in Mexia. Let us begin the new year right by keeping the premises of our homes spotless and our streets in cleanly and thoroughly sanitary condition. Before the year ends, lets see if Mexia cannot dispense with all mosquito breeding places in the city. Lets give our city health officer, Dr. Hodges that co-operation needed to make all clean up efforts effective.

Services will be held at the regular Sabbath services hours at the McKinney street Grammar school building. Rev. J. W. Chilton of League will preach. Everybody welcome.

Of the $3,000,000,000 stock of the Pennsylvania railroad, $1680,000,000 worth is held by the women stockholders.

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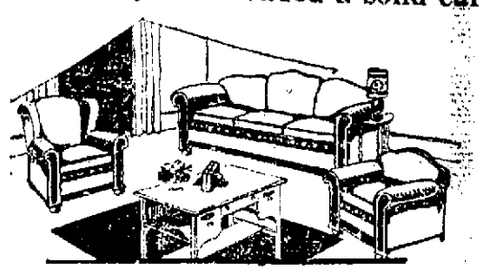

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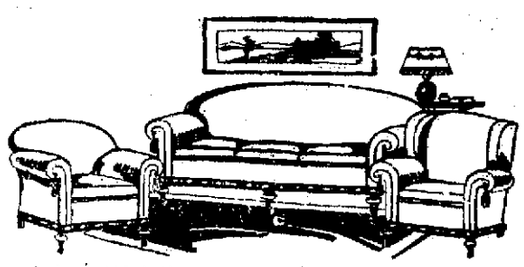

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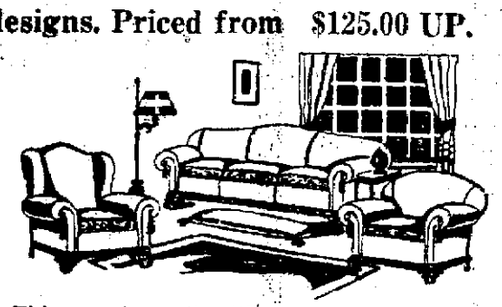

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Local News

I. A. Neal was in Mexia Friday from Marlin.

B. Sears of Whitewright was here Friday.

P. H. Lyons was here Friday from Corsicana.

L. W. Williams was here Friday from Waco.

Tom Hardin, of Waco, was in Mexia Friday.

Levi Herring of Fairfield was in Mexia Friday.

W. T. Hendrix of Waco was here last Wednesday.

Alber R. Ayers of Newberry was in Mexia Thursday.

J. H. Bryant of Corsicana was in the city Friday.

Jack Brannon of Corsicana was in the city Wednesday.

S. W. Seymore of San Angelo was in the city Wednesday.

R. J. Randolph of Madisonville was in Mexia Wednesday.

B. V. Jones of Hillsboro was in the city last Wednesday.

L. M. Cheek, of Waco, was in Mexia last Thursday.

Will Tubb, of Waco, was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Mrs. Lem Jones was a visitor to Corsicana last Friday.

R. M. Perdue was a visitor from Ennis to Mexia Friday.

T. J. Herning, of Waco was a Friday visitor to Mexia.

D. B. Webster of Waco was here on business last Wednesday.

C. M. Dilier of Hillsboro was a visitor to the city Thursday.

J. M. Paul, of Ennis, was in the city Thursday on business.

Harry Slobetsky was a visitor to Mexia Friday from Ennis.

James Howard was a visitor to Mexia Friday from Corsicana.

Clark Killough, of Hearne, was a Thursday visitor to the city.

Walter Cox of Coolidge was in the city Saturday on business.

Miss Louele Wilson of Waco was a visitor to Mexia last Wednesday.

W. A. Flemniken of Tehuacana was in the city Wednesday on business.

Rufus McKenzie will leave today for Castle Heights, Lebanon, Tenn.

J. D. Arrington, Jr., has returned to Lebanon to reenter Castle Heights school.

J. H. Adams and A. C. Clark of Waco were visitors to Mexia last Thursday.

County Attorney J. E. Wood of Freestone county was in Mexia on business last Friday.

Miss Ann Stevens has returned to Beaumont after spending the holidays with homefolks here.

Miss Alice Stevens returned the early part of the week to Austin to reenter the University of Texas.

Jack Womack accompanied his son, Steve, to Dallas Saturday where Steve is attending Terrill school.

Mexia officers arrested a young negro accused of stealing a suit of clothes from another negro Friday.

Bert Blair, now of Breckenridge, formerly a citizen of Mexia, is here for a few days on a business mission.

Mrs. Lamar Campbell has returned to her home in Shreveport, following an enjoyable Christmas visit with her relatives here.

Horace Miller, a student at Westminster, and Tommie Osborne, the director of the college band, were in Mexia on a pleasure trip Saturday.

Major Chester H. Machen, district attorney for this district, returned recently from Alabama where he has been visiting relatives during the holidays.

J. L. Unger and family of Tehuacana, have recently moved into Mexia. Mr. Unger states that he hopes to make this city his home for an indefinite period.

James Riddle, Jr., left Saturday for his school after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Riddle. The young man is attending CastleHeights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn.

Roman architects placed earthen jars in the theatre walls to increase the resonance.

Today At The Baptist Church

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School in all departments. A class for every age. Able, efficient teachers. If you haven't studied your lesson come on any how, you won't be embarressed by asking you too many questions. The goal is set for 500 today. Will you do your part to make it?

11:00 a. m.—Preaching services, the Pastor occupying the pulpit.

3:00 p. m.—The ladies of the church will begin their week of prayer. Meeting at the church each afternoon at 3:00 p. m. See announcement elsewhere.

5:45 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. will meet in their respective rooms. Junior, Intermediate and Senior. A full attendance is requested, as the year's work will be outlined and discussed.

6:30 p. m.—A man's prayer meeting in brother Harper's office, the room back of the choir. Every man of the church and all others who will attend, are urged to be present. The Lord has graciously blessed us the past year and especially the past few months, and we should give thanks to Him for it, and go to Him in prayer often for guidance as we enter upon another year's work.

7:00 p. m.—Brother Coleman Craig will present a lot steropetical views, secured by him in his recent travels through the Holy Land. Many interesting scenes will be shown here; scenes that you may never have the opportunity to look upon again. Your time will be well spent here. Also Special Music at the evening hour.

In next Sunday's issue of this paper we will give you a brief summary of the work accomplished through our church for 1923.

(By International News Service)

BUFFALO.—For the second time in a month stalled an automobile brought the twentieth century limited to grief when early today second section crack flier struck abandoned car at intersection here hurling giant locomotive from rails but injuring no one.

PITTSBURGH.—Prospects of most disastrous flood history faced Pittsburgh today with waters Allaghony Monongahela and Ohio rivers rapidly rising, any sections of city under water. Downtown buildings frantically pumping water from basements. Heavy damage seen.

PEKIN ILLINOIS.—With eleven known dead nine fatally injured here today result Corn Products explosion yesterday, it was reported this morning twenty more are dead in the ruins. Derricks are lifting the wreckage away this morning that the debris may be explored for the bodies.

During the last two years Florida fishing industry has yielded a revenue of $8,563,000.

AUSTRALIAN BEAUTY PRIZE WINNERS.

Lily Mullaney Eva Paine and Freda Fisher Gilbert

By popular vote, taken in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, these three young women have been pronounced the most beautiful business girls in that city. The winner was Miss Eva Paine, who received a prize of $2,500. She is a saleswoman. Miss Lily Mullaney, who was awarded $500 second prize, is also a saleswoman, and Miss Freda Fisher-Gilbert, who won the $250 third prize, is a clerk.

FIRPO TO GET $70,000 FOR FIGHTING AMERICAN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5.—Luis Angel Firpo, South American heavyweight champion, will get 220,000 pesos "about $70,000" for fighting Farmer Lodge, American heavyweight here on February 10.

Firpo's Secretary, Wm. Wiaber, denied emphatically today that Billy Gibson, manager of Gene Tunney and Benny Leonard had been retained by Firpo as his manager.

"Firpo met Gibson only once and that was in Madison Square Garden. Their conversation was only casual and had nothing to do with business", he said.

56 WOMEN PAY POLL TAX

Of the 118 poll taxes which have been paid into the office of the city secretary here 56 have been those paid by women.

J. I. Riddle of the J. I. Riddle Furniture Company, left Saturday for a business visit to the northern furniture markets. He will visit markets in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Chicago returning by way of St. Louis where he will spend a short time in the markets there.

LOS ANGELES.—"Watchful Waiting" characterized latest Hollywood row today with police awaiting outcome of Dines wounds coupled with pneumonia and film colony awaiting arrival of Will Hays enroute here. To secure written statement from Dines today after he had restful night.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star Monday night at 7:30. There will be important business, such as initiations, and routine. All officers are expected and members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. Oscar Denning, W. M.

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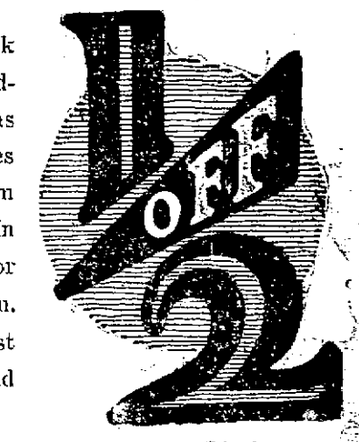

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COLLINS ANNOUNCES PLATFORM ON WHICH HE STANDS IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE

BEAUMONT, Texas, Jan. 5.—V. A. Collins formally announced his candidacy for governor, subject to the action of the democratic primary this year, in an address delivered here tonight. In part, he spoke as follows:

In just a little more than a year from this date, the term of the present Governor of Texas will expire, and the friends of some man now a candidate or yet to become a candidate for Governor will assemble in Austin to see one in whom they have put their trust, and whose banner they followed through an exciting campaign put his hand on the Bible and swear before Almighty God that he will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon him as Governor according to the best of his skill and ability agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State.

Administration of the affairs of the State will change almost in the twinkling of an eye amid the wild acclaim of friends assembled to witness the beautiful ceremony.

No man ever took a more solemn obligation or assumed graver responsibilities except where the rights and liberties of more people were involved.

The question is often asked why men strive to gain the favor of their fellowmen in order to get to take such obligation and assume such responsibilities.

But the question is easily answered.

Patriotic citizens rejoice in obligating themselves to do something for their country, and nobody has a chance in this life for great service without assuming great responsibilities. Who would not be Governor of Texas with all its obligations and responsibilities to secure the opportunity to bury his life in the service of six million of the best people in the world?

Who would not be Governor of Texas, with all of its obligations and responsibilities for the opportunity it gives to minister to more than a million and a quarter of boys and girls now within the scholastic age, but soon to be called to minister to others who will succeed them?

A man who has the opportunity to minister to those now needing the wise administration of government will be a thousand times magnified in the great lives of the succeeding generations.

By birth I was as strongly obligated to Texas as oath ever obligated a man, and I like responsibilities because of the opportunities they give for service.

Then imbued with what I esteemed a worthy ambition, I announced my candidacy for the highest office within the gift of the people of my native state, and to make my first public declaration of the policies of government which I espouse, I have come back to the people who know me best, and possibly sympathize with me more strongly than any others.

Many here have known me from my youth.

You have known the sunlight and shadows of my life from infancy to this good day.

You know my weakness and my strength, my depths and my heights.

You know I am without prestige or exalted pedigree.

I am descended from humble, yet honorable stock and parentage and this is well known to you all my friends.

But thank God for a country and a constitution which put up no difference between the children of the rich and children of the poor, but hold out to both equally the reward that comes from duty well performed.

[illegible] know me from early boyhood [illegible] I come back to you after [illegible] years absence from you almost a stranger and impartial [illegible] and I commit if not an entire [illegible]

There was nothing in my life that [illegible] me from ten thousand boys on the small farms in the [illegible] of Texas.

The thoughts [illegible] are thinking, I [illegible] thoughts, the hopes they are [illegible] the [illegible] shall [illegible] poverty [illegible] and [illegible] which seem hopeless [illegible] between them and success were always an impregnable barrier before me.

I have traveled the same road and worked the same farms they have.

I have fallen into the same holes as I do in the same holes.

I have cut [illegible] and twisted them out of [illegible] with forked sticks as the [illegible] done.

I will never [illegible] the appearance of [illegible] when he had [illegible] himself [illegible] the topmost branch of the stately trees of South East Texas.

Till many a perfectly good worm I have [illegible] trying to catch fish, but I am forced [illegible] to confess to you that [illegible] I [illegible] to appeal to the appetites of fish, because while [illegible] would [illegible] the hooks of others in the same hole, they always [illegible]

Then you may see I know the life of the Texas boy and the Texas "grownups" and from this intimate knowledge of my fellow Texans, may I not be able to take them by the hand and lead them around some of the rough places which I myself was unable to surmount?

In a very narrow sphere here in this community and in close proximity to it have been the scenes of all my activities.

In full many battles we have engaged in this community with possibly some of you on one side, while I chose the other.

You will bear me witness that I met you upon honorable fields, and fought in the open.

I dealt with you candidly and met you upon equal terms.

Nor was I ever a relentless foe; the fight being over, I gave you my hand in friendship.

I hope, if you are not yet prepared to say that I fought righteously, that you may concede that I fought honestly.

Candid as I have always been with you, my friends, I shall be upon this occasion.

A candidate who mis-states his position upon a public question or conceals it in order to secure votes, which he would not get with his position known to the voters is an embezzler of power and unworthy to hold any office in the gift of his fellow citizens.

I have passed the impetuosity of my youth, and stand upon the hill of middle life. I feel much less secure in my position upon any great question than I did when I was younger, and I approach great public tasks with much greater trepidation than I once felt under the same circumstances.

I see more of the fallibility of men and more of my own fallibility than I once saw, and this makes me more charitable.

With a more intimate knowledge of the acute selfishness of human nature and the more I see of the class struggle among our good people who ought to be interested in the welfare of each other, the greater wisdom I see in the constitutional limitations which protect individual against individual and class against class.

I believe it was my duty to say this to you, and further to say that if I should be elected Governor, it will be my honest endeavor to bring the Constitution back into fashion, and in whatever I do, act in accordance with the oath I shall take, and, agreeably to the Constitution and laws, and when the laws are not agreeably to the Constitution, see that the Constitution prevails.

This I conceive to be the only safeguard of life, liberty and property.

With the high purpose of upholding the Constitution and laws, but first seeing if I can, that no unconstitutional law remains on the statute, and that no other is ever put there, I declare the matters hereinafter mentioned to be the cardinal principles which I shall undertake to sponsor.

Law Enforcement.

Next to public education, the most important function of government is to see that its laws are faithfully and impartially enforced.

I deem it unessential to argue to this audience that all laws should be enforced. The good citizen does not have to be converted to that, and the bad citizen will not be converted.

All laws in a republic like ours, where every citizen is equal before the bar of justice, are sacred and ought to be strictly obeyed whether one individually approved of them or not.

Every citizen has the right to oppose the enactment of a law, or to advocate its repeal after it becomes a law, but no right thinking citizen believes that any one has the right to ignore and disregard the law while it is the law.

I stand for law enforcement without fear or favor.

No man is so prominent or influential that I would not attempt to enforce his respect for the obedience to the law, and no man is so small or so little importance that I would not exhaust my constitutional power and authority to protect his rights; but even in law enforcement there are constitutional restrictions and limitations which I would respect as all good citizen respect the law.

In our zeal for law enforcement we approve and applaud sometimes, even when the act of enforcement itself is a breach of the law or the Constitution; but I believe under the better standard of government, law is no less restrictive on the officers of the government than it is on the private citizen.

It is better for the ultimate end and purpose of government that every private citizen violate the law than that the governor of our state should breach one provision of our Constitution which he swore to uphold.

Even criminals have certain constitutional rights which the authorities of government cannot ignore, and while I am for law enforcement with all the zeal of my nature, yet I propose to stay within the law and the Constitution in enforcing it.

The officers themselves must respect their constitutional duty before they are in a position to demand respect of law from the private citizen.

Then with this standard for my guide, I would not hesitate to use the state constabulary, the ranger force, or the militia to enforce the law, to suppress insurrection, or to repel invasion, but for no other purpose.

Nor does insurrection exist merely because there is much violation of the law, and the governor declares it to exist.

Insurrection cannot exist until the duly constituted authorities in some community raise the standard in opposition to the government they were selected to serve, and numerous violations of the law by private citizens will not constitute insurrection, and a Governor's proclamation will not constitute it insurrection when it is not in fact.

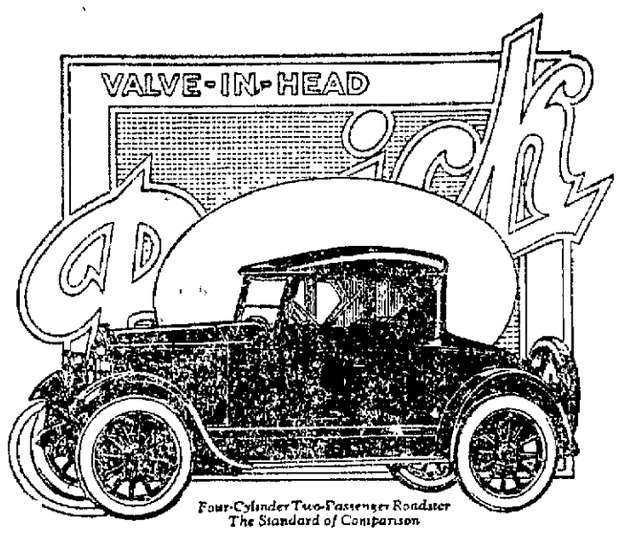
I have no knowledge of there ever having been an insurrection in Texas since the adoption of the Constitution of 1876.

Then there has not since that time arisen a condition which authorized the militia, no matter by what name, to supersede the civil authorities.

The Bill of Rights declares that "The military shall at all times be subordinate to the civil authority" and when the Governor uses the military in the enforcement of law as he has the authority to do, it should be supplementary of and subordinate to the civil authority.

I would send rangers or the militia to help sheriffs in the enforcement of law, but I will not take the warrant of arrest out of the hands of the man elected by the people, and put it in the hands of a ranger from a distant part of the State, if perchance enough respect of law is shown to procure a warranty of arrest at all.

Rangers are good and useful men, but the Constitution makes it the duty of others to enforce law in the different localities, and the law makes it the duty of the ranger to help them enforce the law and not to supersede



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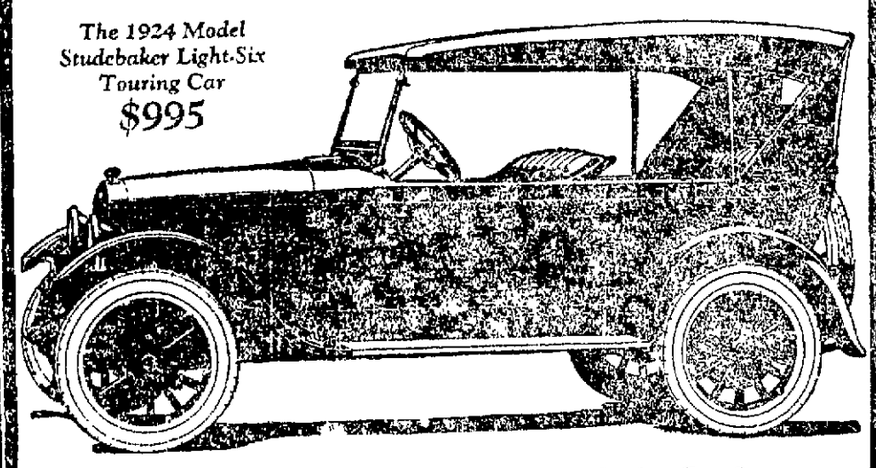

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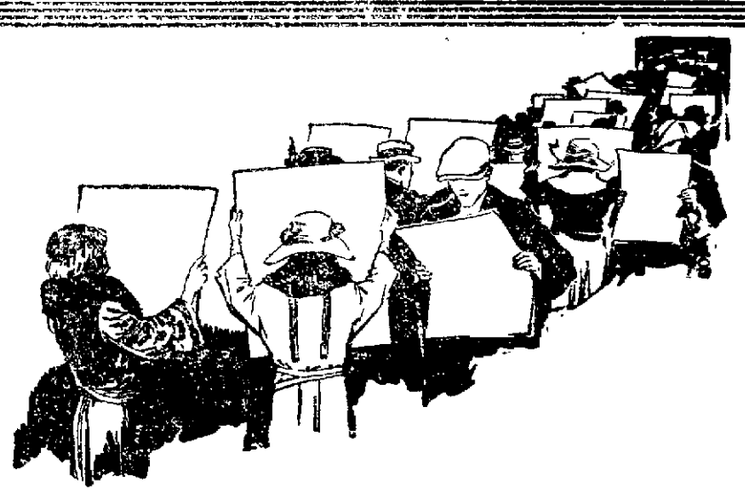

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them." If the elected officer refuses to enforce the law, he can be removed as the law now exists, or it may be made stronger if you desire, but even in that I would not go to the extremes some good men would go.

We must not blind ourselves to the fact that there are some good men in every county and in every community, and through this nucleus of good, we must cultivate a wholesome respect for and obedience to the law, and if the officers refuse to respect the law, arraign them before the bar of justice, in their own county, or on change of venue as now provided by law, and expose them before their own people, and you will find enough of good in every county to put law above anarchy and right above wrong.

The Governor is without constitutional power or authority to suspend the operation of law on one foot of land in Texas, and when he declares that an insurrection exists, which in fact does not exist, and undertakes to subordinate the civil to military authority or when he issues a proclamation declaring some law in effect in a certain defined district or city, and thereby deprives the civil officers—the peace officers elected by the people—of the right to make an arrest in the territory where such law is declared in effect, he violates the Bill of Rights and becomes the greater lawbreaker of them all.

Then you ask what I would do with laws as purport to give him such authority. I would repeal any law that would make a lawbreaker of the Governor by requiring him to violate the Constitution to enforce it.

There are such laws on the statute, which if made effective by the Governor's proclamation, any person charged with their violation may be indicted in any county, adjoining the county, where they are declared to be in effect.

Thieves and robbers and murderers are indictable in the county where the offense is committed. But a poor man who may transgress the provisions of these laws made effective by the Governor's proclamation may be indicted and carried out of the county where the offense is alleged to have been committed, and where it may be difficult for him to get money to pay his own way when he goes to trial, not to mention the difficulty of taking his wife and children and friends. Then worse than that, if he is indicted in the county where the offense is committed, and the prosecuting attorney doesn't want to try it there, all he has to do is to file a motion for a change of venue stating that in his opinion a fair and impartial trial cannot be had, and the trial judge has no discretion but must grant the motion.

Put if the indicted man wants a change of venue he can't make a showing before the court and he cannot secure a fair and impartial trial, and then the court may grant it or refuse it as he sees fit.

It is hard to think that any Texan would give his approval to such class laws as I am protesting against, but that I believe every fair-minded man will say in his heart that they ought to be stopped.

In all sincerity, I promise to protect anyone, who takes a job another has quit, in his right to work, and to protect the property of anyone whose is being injured or damaged by another.

All that can be accomplished by this class of law in violation of the Constitution, can be accomplished under the Constitution as it exists, whether labor is right or other conditions of lawlessness. In either event, the Governor can order out the rangers or the militia to assist the civil officers in protecting life and property and in enforcing the law.

The Governor has the constitutional right to furnish all the men necessary to supplement the civil authorities to protect the lives of employees and the property of the employer, or to aid civil officers in the enforcement of any other law.

Then why break down and trample under foot the sacred Constitution when all that is desired can be accomplished within the Constitution?

And whether it can be accomplished within the Constitution or not, I will respect that sacred document which I may swear to uphold, and live by it as it is, till the people of Texas change it.

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ROTARY HAS A DOZEN 100 PER CENT MEMBERS

At the Rotary Club meeting Thursday, Secretary Ben Stollenwerck read the list of 100 per cent Rotarians. They and the number of meetings held since they became members, all of which they attended, were as follows:

Albert H. Berry, 45 meetings
Hardie Eubanks, 45 meetings
Perier McKenzie, 45 meetings
Tom Nolan, 45 meetings
Ben F. Stollenwerck, 45 meetings
Dick Wagner, 31 meetings
Bob Crow, 19 meetnigs
Mac McIntosh, 14 meetings
Ernest Strange, 13 meetings
Carl Davis, 5 meetings
Duke Pittman, 3 meetings
Thos. Haines, 2 meetings

"Mr. Simmons", asked one of the resident of the colored camp, "we-all would like to have the recreation hall Saturday night."

"What are you going to have. A meeting of some kind?" asked Fritz.

"Yessah, we'se gwine to have an entertainment and some affections afterwards."

It developed that "affections" was the short for refreshments.—Humble Bee.

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Johnny: "Oh, push her off the dock."—Oil Weekly.

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Letters from People

CHICAGO MAN PLEASED WITH PICTURE IN NEWS

C. J. Williams, wholesale jeweler of Chicago, writes E. B. Moseley, expressing appreciation for the picture of a house he owns in Mexia being shown in the Christmas issue of the Mexia Daily News.

From his home in Chicago, he writes in part as follows:

Mr. Elton B. Moseley, Genl. Mgr.,
J. R. Neece Lumber Co.,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mosley:

I was appreciably delighted in reading your Christmas and New Year announcement as illustrated in the Mexia Daily News of the December 23 issue. Particularly so, on account of your having so kindly illustrated in your announcement, my home, under the caption of "Better Cottages for 1924."

The lumber material for this building was purchased from your firm and built for me by a reliable contractor of your city, in 1920, and was occupied by myself and family for a little over a year, and for business reasons was forced to leave Mexia, and now have the same rented.

We are particularly proud of the fact that it was a well constructed house, with electric lights, bath and water, fire places and in general, neatly constructed interior as well as durably constructed without.

The location of this property is at the Northeast corner of Main and Baily Streets.

In conclusion, permit me to again thank you for the flattering compliment paid our little home by illustrating the same as one of the "Better Cottages" of your city, and if the same is looked after as carefully as we personally had at the time we were living on the premises, it should be considerably prettier than the illustration described. That is to say, we left this little home surrounded with a considerable amount of neatly arranged shrubbery.

Sincerely wishing you and yours, a very Healthy and Prosperous New Year, I remain

Yours very truly,
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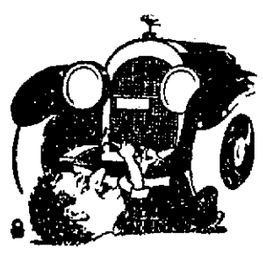

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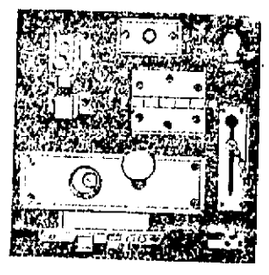

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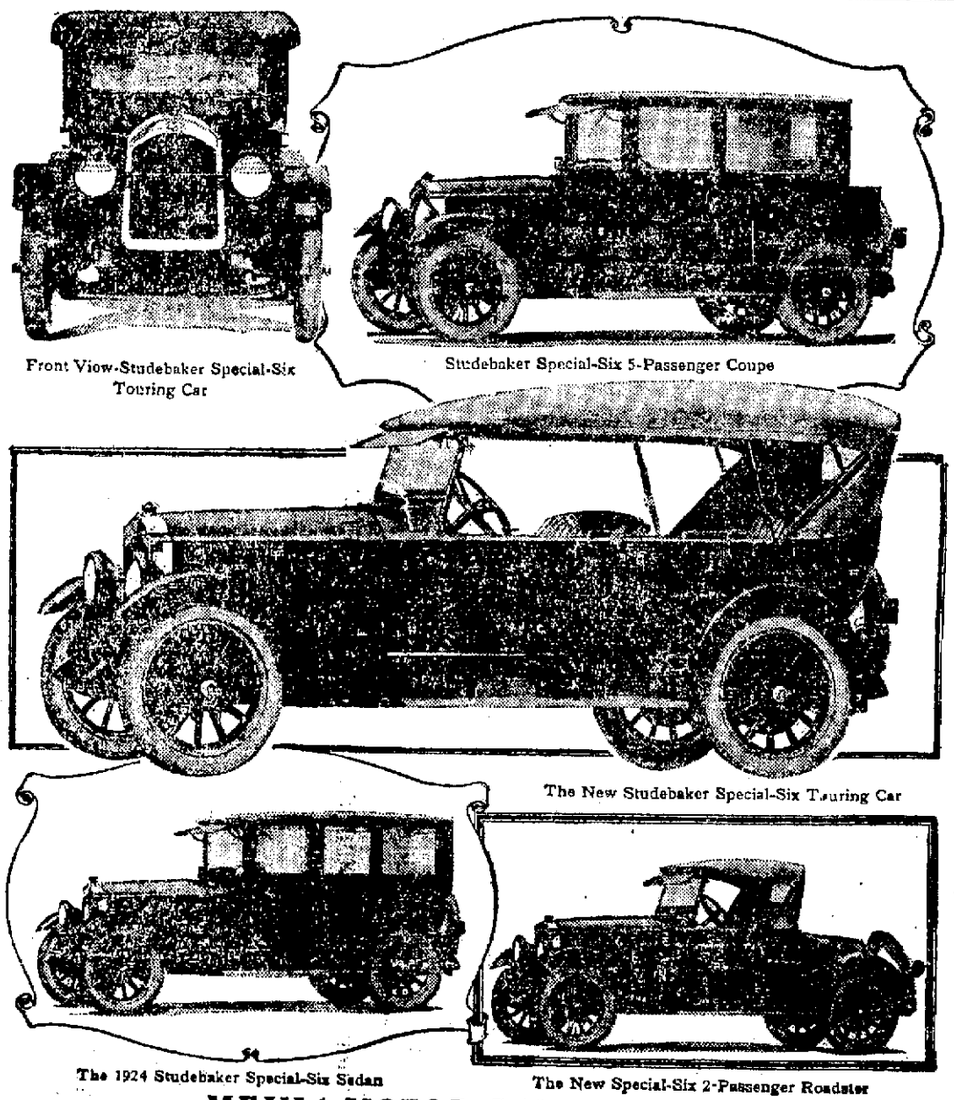

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Negro Preacher Asks Tolerance For Good Done

Here is a bit of street corner wisdom which in spite of the lowliness of its source might prove valuable when generally applied.

Friday night on a prominent street corner an old colored preacher was pleading with an audience of white and black hearers. So far as the sect which he represented was concerned the News man who happened along to join the audience was unable to learn, but from his discourse it appeared to be related to Christian Science. But let that pass. After a religious harangue directed toward the salvation of the soul the colored preacher directed his attention toward relieving the several ailments of the body that members of his audience might be afflicted with. There was no disease or habit suffered by the human race that was not in the category of diseases which he claimed to cure.

At length several of his hearers, becoming interested, he was permitted to experiment upon one or two. Possibly the results were not such as he hoped or predicted and before very many minutes he found himself the object of a good deal of outspoken ridicule. One could see that it pained him not a little but instead of backing down he redoubled his efforts and pleaded yet more strongly, producing even affidavits from those whom he had professed to cure.

At length the taunts of the crowd became too much. His face assumed a look of intense sincerity and pain and turning to the audience he returned their jeers with these words: "Remember me for the good I've done, won't you? Don't remember the bad part. I'm here trying to help you. I can't do that if you drag up the things I failed in. We both lose that way. Remember the good part and leave the bad."

Pretty sensible, isn't it? Generally applied by everybody it might be worth a lot, even if it was spoken on a street corner.

OIL

Unfavorable weather and almost impassable condition of the roads leading through the Powell field was a contributing factor toward the slump in daily production registered again during the past week. For the 24 hour period ending at 7 a. m. December 27 the field was credited with an actual production of 73,000 barrels of oil, out of a total of more than 100,000 barrels of fluid. This large quantity of salt water being produced along with the oil is giving considerable worry to the operators, and plans are being formulated to provide means of disposing of the water properly to avoid additional lawsuits from farmers alleging damaged crops and land. The salt water trouble is a problem for virtually every operator in the field, and one of the major producers is credited with having more than 9000 barrels of salt water output daily. Many crews of workmen are engaged in plugging completed wells back from the water level, and it is hoped to eventually reduce this water trouble to a minimum by plugging and abandoning the wells that are flooding the pay sand. Mud is also giving the operators in the lower part of the field considerable trouble, and several wells on the S. D. Ramsey leases continue to fill with mud as fast as it is bailed down.

Efforts for shallow production in the field are getting under way on a number of leases in the southwest end of the filed. The E. L. Smith Oil Company is reported to be testing out a sand at 1520 feet on the S. D. Ramsey lease, while an offsett to this test has been started by the Tidal-Buttram interests on the Ramsey tract. The Atlantic Oil Producing Company's drilling for the shallow sand pay also, while the Simms Oil company is reported to have rigged up for a test to be drilled on the J. F. Allen block, located about a mile west of the T. & B. V. railroad and several miles northwest of production on the extreme southwest end of the field.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts have returned to their home after a visit with Mrs. Roberts' parents in Tyler.

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RED ROCK TEST

BASTROP, Texas, Jan. 2.—Materials are being unloaded at Red Rock in Bastrop County by Joe Maxwell and J. P. Johnston, oil operators of Fort Worth, to drill a wild cat test on the John Lehman 120 acre lease in the Jacob Lentz league, about 3-4 miles northwest of Red Rock. Between six and seven thousand acres have been leased in a block around this test.

Miss Alva Lee Kelton, of Dallas, was a Mexia visitor last Thursday.

J. C. Looney, of Corsicana, was here last Thursday.

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may proprely come before it.

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NOTICE

Bids will be received by the City Secretary of the City of Mexia up to five o'clock of Jan. 15th, 1924 for the paving N. Kaufman Street from the north line of Sumpter Street to city limits. Plans and specifications on file at the office of the City Engineer.

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E. WATSON, Mayor,
(3-10t) R. D. MORGAN, City Secy.

Notice Kindergarten Parents.

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19	Dallas Ft. Worth	3:55 a. m.

South bound—

346	To cut-off	7:00 a. m.
16	Houston San Antonio	11:45 a. m.
32	From Dallas	10:08 a. m.
38	Austin San nAtonio	12:21 a. m.
18	Houston San Antonio	1:37 a. m.
20	Houston San Antonio	12:16 a. m.

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Just For Boxers in Ring, Says M'Auliffe

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—"Boxers? Bah! There's no such a bird any more. Not a half dozen fighters in the business today know the first principle of boxing and not a fan of the new scvhool has the slightest idea of the real art of boxing."

Jack McAuliffe, the retired undefeated champion, unburdened himself of some weight off his chest, recently after he had taken an evening off from pinochle to venture down to Madison Square Garden.

Sammy Mandell and Sid Terris are wbrking up there tonight," Jack said in the way of an opener for a ticket. "The boys are saying that they are the two greatest boxers to come up in years. Give me a ticket and I'll give you the low down."

The only unbeaten champion didn't show up for several days.

"I didn't have the heart to give you the word and break up a good story. They're the rottenest boxers I ever saw. They're both jumpingjack slappers. They can spar, but that let's them out. They're just like the test. Lot of fast footwork, lot of thrown punches, but it means nothing."

Only four boxers in the last ten years have known what it is all about, according to McAuliffe.

"Of all the bunch of champions there are only three real good boxers," he said. "Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard and Jack Britton are real boxers. They know that the first principle of boxing is to lead and counter. They know what they are doing every time they make a move. That's the reason they became champions.

"Johnny Dundee, although he is not as skilled as Dempsey, Leonard and Britton, is also a good boxer, but he fell for a trick style that removed the effectiveness from his punches.

"Dempsey is the best boxer I have ever seen among the heavyweight champions. He can fight along with it and he certainly can take it. Leonard also can box, hit and take it.

"Britton was not a great puncher, but he is perhaps the greatest boxer of all the modern fighters."

It's easy enough to love your neighbors as you love yourself, provided they mind their own business.

ACCEPT U. S. PLAN TO BAR OPIUM

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

GENEVA (By Mail ot United Press)—The decision just taken by the Swiss parliament and the Swiss Federal Council to ratify before the end of the parliamentary session next June the Hague convention for the control of opium and harmful drugs traffic renders virtually certain eventual world wide adoption and application of the American program for the suppression of the drug traffic.

This program which has been officially adopted through the efforts of Congressman Porter, chairman of the House of Representatives Commission on Foreign Affairs, as the basis of the League of Nations program, provides not only for the limitation of the manufacture of prepared opium, cocaine, morphine and heroin to the world's actual medical and scientific needs, but a similar limitation also to the production of raw opium and coca leaves.

To render the application of this program possible the League has summoned two international conventions for July of 1921. The first of these will either limit or suppress entirely the production and use of raw opium for smoking in Pacific countries and which is still held as legal under the Hague convention.

A Second Conference.

The second conference which will meet as soon as the above limitation to the production of raw opium has been attained, will draft an international convention amongst all the great producing and manufacturing countries limiting the production of the manufactured or derivative products to the world's actual necessities.

To date the greatest obstacle to the above program or even to the successful application of the present Hague convention has been the failure of several very important countries to ratify and enforce the latter. Of these outsiders, Switzerland, which is not only one of the biggest drug manufacturing countries but also a center for the unlawful commerce in these drugs to surrounding and other states, together with Turkey and Persia as big opium growing countries, have been the biggest thorns in the flesh of those who are rying to control the traffic.

Under the Treaty of Lausanne the new Turkey agreed to accept the Hague Anti-Opium convention and to undertake its rigid enforcement.

Persia Yields

Persia has also notified the League of Nations that opium growing which, in Persia, is regaided merely as a form of agriculture and a means of livlihood will be reduced and abolished just as fast as western nations help the country to replace it with other forms of agriculture and means of livelihood.

As a consequence, Switzerland remained virtually the last important outsider in the world-wide effort to limit or suppress the harmful drugs traffic.

HISTRIONIC PUPILS

AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—Twenty one university of Texas students and factulty members and their wives are members of the Community Players, an Austin Dramatic organization.

The club has a membership of about 80. Approximately 40 of these are active members and participate in the plays given by the club.

Borrowell—"I am inclined to be skeptical about these courses in memory training we see advertised. Do you think they ever benefit anybody?" Wigwag—"I don't know. Why don't you try one of them and see? It might enable you to recall the $5 you have owed me for the last two years."

Strange Companion On Strange Hike

BROWNVILLE, Texas, Jan. 5.—The weird experience of being escorted on a twelve mile hike by scores of coons, skunks, armadillos and oppossums was afforded O. L. Williamson, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce no Christmas Day.

Obliged to walk from Blessings to Palacious because of heavy rains, Williams followed the grade of the Southern Pacific Railway upon which hundreds of animals had taken refuge from the high waters.

The animals, principally skunks, darted along the track at his approach and when he succeeded in getting by them there were over 100 in the pack, he said.

WATCH MEXIA GROW

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jean Ormsby are the parents of a lovely baby girl, Mary Ormsby, 8½ pounds, born to them on the night of January the third. Congratulations.

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Muggins—"Getting married is a mighty important step." Buggins—"How do you figure that out when a marriage gets three lines in the paper and a divorce three columns?"

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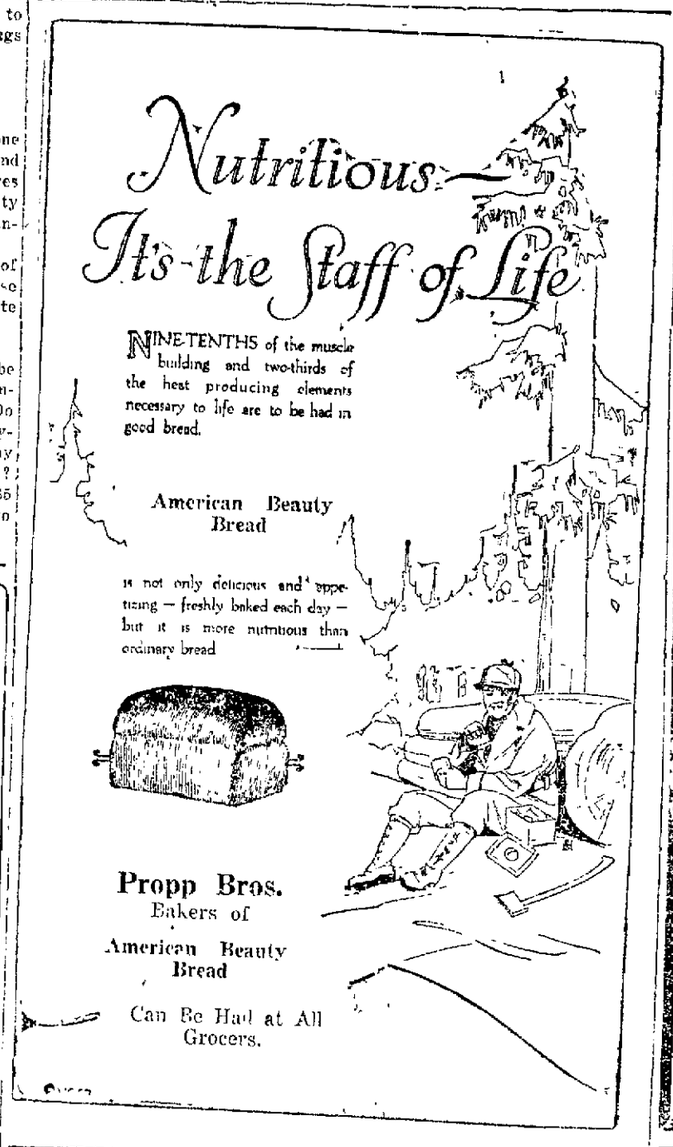
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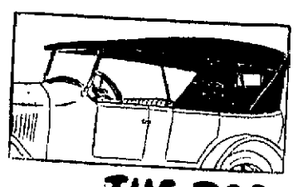

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VENIZELOS ELECTED ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

Watch Mexia Grow

The News Replies to J. K. Hughes.

The Mexia Daily News was the target for a barrage of criticism laid down Friday at the Lions Club, by J. K. Hughes, President of the Lions Club. In all friendliness, like a man, fearlessly and face to face with a representative of The News he spoke and spared not.

Just after being elected President of the Lions Club, Mr. Hughes said to the club: "The Mexia Daily News has been criticising policies and practices in our city that did not suit them. That's all right. Now let's discuss things together. Let's call a spade a spade and criticise anything that needs criticising, doing this in the spirit of friendship and for the good of Mexia, without getting mad at one another."

The news then applauded this comment and still does, although it came in for a blistering by the President of the Lions club Friday. The News has no better friend than Mr. Hughes. The city has no better citizen than Mr. Hughes. He is appreciated by every friend of progress here, one of which The News hopes itself to be.

The News is happy to have been considered of such importance to the welfare of this city as to command attention for the full hour of the Lions luncheon, at which time Mr. Hughes presented one article which he deemed should not have appeared in the home newspaper.

The News makes mistakes. When it does, there they are in black and white for every reader to see them. It can only retrieve itself by bending every energy within reason to prove that any error that might have been commited was of the head and not of the heart.

Mr. Hughes called attention to an article that appeared in The Mexia Daily News the Friday before Christmas in which was reported the records of the City of Mexia as to building permits issued in the city during 1923. The total of the permits amounted to approximately $82,000.

At the time the list was compiled in the City Hall. The News was convinced that the statement did not do justice to the real improvements that had marked a year of normal and substantial advancement here. A supplementary list was made up of homes known to have been constructed during the year not included on the records of the city. Since, the story carried, however, was the official report as compiled from every available record, to have added to it would have weakened the item considerably.

The purpose in carrying the item as it was carried has undoubtedly been accomplished. It has shown those citizens who secured and paid for their permits that there were many here who did not abide by the City ordinance and secure and pay for theirs also. It has shown those who did not secure their permits that they ought to do so yet, and thus avoid any imposition on those who had paid, they themselves thus complying with the law.

The City of Mexia has such an ordinance referred to. It was passed during the oil boom period and was well designed to protect all property owners and citizens here. The ordinance provides a fee of $5.00 for the first thousand dollars to be expended in a new building or improvements on old within the corporate limits and $1.00 for every additional thousand dollars. That ordinance is still in effect here. In the early days, when so many shacks were going up and buildings erected by a transient class, it was necessary to keep a man on the job all the time to see that the ordinance was observed. With a normal condition now existing, the citizens are left more on their honor to comply with the regulation.

The News would, therefore, have no right to pad a record kept in the city hall. In carrying such a report, it is sufficient, as a news item, merely to report "according to the records."

This was brought out in an editorial that appeared soon after the article under discussion, in which it was said that the improvements here were far in excess of those on record, reminding those who had been negligent in the matter of their duty, in order that the reports might be worthy of Mexia and true to conditions here.

Knowing that a bad impression would be made on the minds of those not acquainted with actual facts here, The News did not permit the story to be carried in its Mail Edition, but allowing it to run in the Home Edition where the readers could see just how the ordinance regarding permits was being observed. In The News, a few Fridays preceding, appeared an article showing that one architect alone had handled building contracts amounting to around $80,000.

Too, let it be remembered by every citizen here that more than 90 per cent of the articles that are carried in the press outside of Mexia are written by the men who make The News and in the office of The Mexia Daily News. The News may be depended on to have enough common sense and loyalty to Mexia not to send out any mal advertising matter to the newspapers of the world. The only time the city of Mexia has been advertised in Europe was when sent out through the world press organizations such as the United Press and Associated Press. The News is official correspondent for the United Press. In the office of The News is the official correspondent of the Associated Press and International News Service. In this office also are written, and by members of The News staff, the news letters to practically every daily newspaper in the country that wants a special correspondent here. This in many instances has been handled at a loss to the institution but ultimately helpful to the entire section. For example, it submitted one item alone, the telegraph tolls on which was approximately $40. It was a telegraph story sent by night wire, night press rate, and commanded almost three columns on the front page of the annual oil edition of the New York Telegraph. When you see "Mexia" used on the date line in an article in the newspapers of the nation, you may safely conclude that the item in question was submitted by The Mexia Daily News and prepared in its offices

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Danish Prince to Wed Canadian Girl.

Prince Erik

Formal announcement has been made in Ottawa, Can., of the engagement of Miss Lois Francis Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth multi-millionaire Canadian lumberman, to Prince Erik Frederick Christian Alexander, third son of Prince and Princess Waldemar, of Denmark. The Prince, who is 30, is a nephew of the Dowager Queen Alexandra of England and a cousin of King George. He owns a large ranch at Calgary, where he spends much of his time. It is said the Prince of Wales, during his recent trip to Canada, had much to do with making the match.

Dope Across The Border Must End Says Government

(By International News Service)

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 5.—Reaction to the United States Customs Office New Year resolution to check the flow of dope across the border into Texas, being felt here daily with various state departments receiving communications from Washington outlining the 1924 campaign.

Among the first moves to plug up the American borders against narcotic and other smugglers, is a good working agreement with the Mexican government, providing for registration of known international smugglers and co-operation in border protection, Col. L. G. Nutt, secretary of the narcotic control board announced at Washington.

He declared that the Mexican border now presents the most difficult problem to customs officials. A great quantity of dope is coming into the United States from Mexico, having been imported to that country from Spain, Germany, Switzerland and England, and some from China as indicated by labels that have fallen into government hands.

"Conditions throughout the United States improved during the past year and it can be said that the illegal tariffic in narcotics was reduced" he said.

"The new year will see a much greater improvement than was noted in 1923.

"Kansas City, a sore spot in enforcement of narcotic laws in the past has considerably improved but that further operations would be conducted there in 1924."

Houston Police Are Befuddled

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 5.—A cat, a torn coat, a brick and a charwoman combined to furnish Houston coppers with one of their busiest nights.

A charwoman, working in the South Texas Commercial National Bank, stepped on a burglar alarm and brought squads of police to the place post haste.

Henry Hamilton, negro, tore his coat. To make odds even he stole a suit from a fellow boarder and after a hectic search officers finally arrested him.

A cat, moved to harmony by a brilliant moon, held a serenade on the back fence of Mrs. J. E. Bell. As she stepped to the door to "shoo" the cat away, a brick whistled thru the air and struck her on the head.

Police worked thruout the night to determine whether the brick was meant for the cat or Mrs. Bell.

Mabel Normand Will Fight the Barring of Films

By H. E. SWISHER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 5.—"I am absolutely blameless in this matter and it is unjust for the censors or any one to condemn me before they have heard my story."

Mable Normand, film star, whose chauffeur shot and wounded Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man when he found Miss Normand in Dines' apartment New Year's Day, today began her fight to prevent her films from being banned throughout the country. in a plea to the public and boards of censors, not to condemn her to the fate of Fatty Arbuckle until her side of the story has been heard, the film star, from her sick bed in the Good Samaritan Hospital here, said:

"I do not believe Greer(the Chauffeur) had any attachment for me: But because this man went out of his way I have to pay the penalty.

"I appeal to the sense of justice and fair play of the people.

"All I ask is a chance to show that I am innocent.

"Until my story comes out in court I ask the people to withhold judgment.

"There was nothing in anyway wrong at Dines' apartment. There was nothing like a 'party,' such as seems to be the general impression."

Miss Normand, informed of the action of censors in several states who recommended suspension of her pictures was visibly affected.

"Because he (Greer) fired those shots is every censor in the country going to ban my pictures?" she asked.

"Greer was out of his head.

"I am not to blame."

HOWARD CARTER DISCOVERER OF TUT'S TOMB IS SICK

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Fear is expressed in dispatches received here from Luxor that Howard Carter, discoverer of the tomb of Tutankh-amen, is in bad health and suffering from excitement caused by the magnificient discoveries. Yesterday in blazing mid-afternoon he left the Valley of Kings with a heavy overcoat wrapped around him. His face was lined and he had a worried aspect, said the report. He is having trouble with the Egyptian government due to the enormous value of recent findings.

ROBBERS WRECK SAFE OF BANG AND SECURE $20,000

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Bank robbers wrecked the vault of the State Bank and Trust Company at San Marcos this morning. One of the two safes in the vault was demolished. It is reported that the robbers escaped with $20,000. The operator at the Katy station saw the men speed away in an automobile shortly after hearing severel explosions.

REBELS EXECUTE SOCIALIST GOV. IN MEXICO

MEXICO, CITY, Jan. 5.—The execution of Socialist Governor Felipe Carillo of Yucatan was confirmed in an official stateement. The governor was killed by rebels at Marida, Yucatan.

CHICAGO.—Johnny Wislemer clipped 4 1-5 seconds off the three hundred yard swim record held by Norman Ross of the Illinois Athletic Club.

BoozeLaunches At Galveston Are Held By Guards

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 5.—Two large motor launches—the Cherokee and E-873—were being held under Federal guard today following a raid by customs authorities on a "smugglers' cove" in a small group of islands off San Luis Pass yesterday.

Two thousand quarts of liquor found on the Cherokee and 50 cases on the E-873 were confiscated.

Tipped off that rum-runners were planning a wholesale shipment of liquor from their island headquarters, a party of customs agents from Velasco, under Captain B. J. Allister, set out for the pass.

When they hove into sight several men were seen to dive from the Cherokee into the icy waters. They were pursued but managed to elude the officers among the scattered keys. Boarding the deserted launches authorities took charge of their liquor cargoes.

Shortly afterwards a party of Federal authorities from Galveston, also notified of the smuggling plot, arrived on a launch and the two liquor boats were towed into Galveston. The ships will probably be confiscated and sold at auction.

Three Heirs Seek To Secure Buried Riches of Woman

By the United Press

ATCHISON, Kans., Jan. 5.—Three heirs to the estate of Mrs. Mary Pharels, today sought to establish claims to $35,000 in gold buried in two caches, one in Atchison and the other near Superior, Neb.

When the will of Mrs. Pharels was filed for probate it related that her grandfather buried $35,000 on his farm near Superior, Neb., leaving a chart describing the location. Mrs. Pharels said in 1901 she located the treasure and exhumed $12,000, which she believed was her share. She said she left the remainder and buried the $12,000 at the end of Fifth street in Atchison.

Mrs. T. B. Smith, Superior, Neb., Mrs. Estelle Polk and Mrs. Lillian Lindsey of Leavenworth claimed the money. Mrs. Smith said Mrs. Polk had secretely withdrawn $3,800 from the Superior "landmark." Mrs. Polk denied getting the money.

King George Will Not Be Allowed To Return To Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—King George will not be allowed to return to Greece until there has been an impartialpelbescite in which the nation will vote for a kingdom or a republic, Eleutherios Venizelos said today.

In event the people wish a kingdom they will be allowed to decide what dynasty shall occupy the throne, the former premier continued.

Venizelos, called back to take charge of the country after expulsion of the king, was to be elected president of the National Assembly this afternoon. He announced in advance he would accept the post.

Ohio River Is On Rampage And Still Rising, Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The Ohio River reached a stage of 54.3 feet here today and Government meteorologists said they believed the flood soon would begin to recede.

The waters still are rising slowly, however.

Ironton, upstream from here, reported the flood had forced several families to evacuate their homes.

At Louisville, Ky., the danger mark of 28 feet had been passed but the stage was not expected to go above 30 feet.

Dade Park Race Track, 40 miles below Owensboro, Ky., was flooded today.

Dr. Parks Defies Bishops in Doctrine War.

Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks

Doffing the vestments of his office and donning his academic robes as Doctor of Theology, Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, one of the leading Episcopal ministers of America, astounded his hearers in St. Bartholomew's Church, in New York City, by declaring he did not believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ or His bodily resurrection after crucifixion. He added that he would welcome a heresy charge against him by Bishop Manning. St. Bartholomew's is one of the wealthiest congregations and most exclusive churches in the East, numbering leaders of the financial and social world among its parishioners.

35th Division Commander To Be Picked Soon

(By International News)

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 5.—A contest between Adjt. General W. A. Baupp of Missouri and Brig. Gen. C. I. Martin of Kansas, for the position as commander of the 35th Division, will be settled sometime this month.

The states interested in the selection of the commander of this division are Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. General Martin, who commanded the 35th Division a part of the time it was in France has the indorsement of Gov. Jonathan M. Davis of Kansas and Gov. Charles Bryan of Nebraska. General Raupp has the indorsement of Gov. Arthur M. Hyde of Missouri, and the entire Missouri delegation in congress is working for his appointment.

Should it be impossible for the two factions to get together on either candidate, it is said a compromise may be made either on Adjt. Gen R. N. Rahn of Kansas, or Adjt. Gen. H. J. Paul of Nebraska.

Kansas national guardsmen are working hard for the appointment of General Martin.

The appointment carries with it the rank of major general and the appointment of staff officers.

Mexican Rebels Said In Possession of San Lius Potisi

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 5.—The Huasteca oil field district is now in the hands of rebel forces according to telegrams received here from the De La Huerta press bureau at Vera Cruz.

A column of 1,000 men is marching on San Luis Potosi to replace Governor Prieto Laurens in the gubernatorial chair which he occupied before joining the revolt, it was stated.

General Castro is reported marching on Puebla, recently taken by Federals after a bloody battle. Farmers and laborers along the line of march are clocking to his standard, the Vera Cruze reports stated.

Rebel officials at Vera Cruz are guaranteeing immunity from harm to foreigners any place within the territory held by their forces, who are desirous of leaving the country.

MISS NORTON TO LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA SOON

The host of friends of Miss Ruby Lee Norton will regret to learn that she has resigned as superintendent of the Brown hospital, effective the 10th of this month, and that she will leave right away for Los Angeles, Cal. Miss Norton will be followed with the well wishes of many who hold her in high esteem and regard. Hre place will be ably filled by Miss McLuny, a graduate nurse of Waxahachie.

Reorganization Of Greek State Is Now Awaited

ATHENS, Jan. 5.—Venizelos was elected president of the National Assembly by a unanimous vote this afternoon. This clears the way for the reorganization of the Greek state under a man of the House leadership.

U. S. MARSHAL OF NORTH TEXAS RESIGNED

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 5.—United States Marshal Eldridge of the Northern District of Texas, resigned in a letter to Washington. Private business was given as the cause.

Seine River Is Inundating Part of City of Paris

By WEBB MILLER
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 5.—The flooded river Seine invaded the Invalides Railway Station today adding to the demoralization of Paris rail traffic.

A big wall between the river and station broke suddenly and the water rushed in filling the lower part of the building. The railway cut which follows the Seine several miles to Javel was filled with 16 feet of water.

All the lower platforms of the Invalides station were submerged by the swirling brown flood which reached to the floor of the main waiting rooms.

Owing to previous evacuation of the building nobody was caught.

There was no rain today and authorities hoped the crest of the flood would be reached within the next 24 hours.

Police announced they had aided 4,525 families to evacuate their homes, while unofficial sources placed the total number of evacuations in the entire Seine Marne Valleys in the region of Paris at near 10,000.

Additional flood waters filtered into the Chamber of Deputies and the subway stations, but the traffic on underground lines continued.

Freestone County Drilling Report

The Shirley and Gillespie interests in their No. 1 Hackney-Weaver or Cotton Gin or Simsboro well are drilling at 1300 feet after having changed from wood to oil fuel. Day and night shifts are employed on this test northwest of Teague. It is rumored that these interests have made location and have ordered derrick for their test on their "South" block about two miles west of Teague. This locality has long been favorably reported by geologists.

The Keechi well in the southeast part of the country is shut down awaiting the arrival of officials.

The final test in completing the blocking of acreage for another test well near Butler about twenty miles east of Teague will be compdeted this week. It will be recalled that Mike Haley drilled two wells in this vicinity at about 1800 feet each.

The O. K. Oil and Gas Company report that casing is expected the latter part of the week for their No. 1 Knight test near Luna. This well has been shut down several months due to inability to case well which has shown oil and gas. It is thought that production may be had at its present depth between 3000 and 3500 feet.

L. A. Smith reports rig moving in for his Edwards Ranch test well about 18 miles southeast of Teague.

The Green well 4 miles east of Teague is reported drilling in lime sand showing oil and gas. Core has been taken and drilling is being done slowly.

Among the opium producing countries in the world are China, Turkey, Persia and India.

Oswego, N. Y., at one time was the third largest lumber market in the United States.

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THE WORK OF RIGHEOUSNESS SHALL BE PEACE; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.—Isaiah 32:17-18.

BUT THE SIGNALS WERE THERE

Going into Philadelphia not long ago the express car at the head of a through train developed a hot box so serious that the train could not continue on its way. It was backed to a switch and stood on the westbound track to permit another train from Pittsburgh to pass. Meanwhile the limping express car was uncoupled from the train.

Only the lamps in the signals overhead kept the delayed train from being struck by an express from the other direction. But the signals were there and no one on the train gave safety an anxious thought.

If there had been a minister aboard he would have seen in the incident a parallel to life itself.

Every day we all are in potential danger. The steering knuckle may break, the derrick may fall, the street car may run off the track. Any number of accidents MAY happen. Suppose they do!

The Christian has a philosophy which gives him the firm belief that God rules over all and that there is good in everything. The man or woman who accepts the guidance of Christ in his life can be serene in the face of any danger. He will seek to protect himself, but if accident befalls he is sure good will come from it.

And seeking the good, he finds it.

Strengthen your belief in the goodness of God by regular church attendance.

"The Lord is my shepherd."

CONGRESS MEMBERS PRAISE ARTICLE WRITTEN BY MEXIAITE IN THE NEWS

Morris Sheppard, Senior Senator from Texas, and Luther Johnson, Congressman from this district, write from Washington, commending the able article written in The Mexia Daily News by A. T. Schulz of this city.

The letters are given by The News in a spirit of pride, glad that Mexia has a citizen who is sufficiently informed on world politics to discuss the greatest question of the day in a most commanding and comprehensive manner. The article referred to was on the subject "Does Isolation Really Isolate," published about two weeks ago in this paper.

Here are the letters:

Washington, D. C., December 20th, 1923

Mr. A. T. Schulz.
Mexia, Texas.

My dear Sir and Friend:

I am very much pleased to note your able and comprehensive argument in behalf of the League of Nations in a recent issue of the Mexia Daily News. I agree with you thoroughly and I am very glad indeed to have the article.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours very sincerely,
MORRIS SHEPPARD.

Washington, D. C., December 27th, 1923.

Mr. A. T. Schulz,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I have read with much interest your article "Does Isolation Really Isolate Us?" contained in the Mexia Daily News of 17th inst. I had also read the article therein referred to, by Senator Beveridge, which appeared in the Saturday Evening Post of November 17th, entitled "In or Out."

I regard Senator Beveridge as one of the Nation's best writers, and I always enjoy reading what he writes whether I agree with him or not. In this instance I did not. The so called Isolationists have a most difficult task in trying to isolate America, when our interests, financial, commercial and social, are in so many ways interwoven with the nations of Europe.

I congratulate you on your practical and forceful presentation of the issue.

With every good wish,

Sincerely your friend,
LUTHER A. JOHNSON.

LIMESTONE COUNTY ATTACKS NEW HIGHWAY LAW.

When the Commissioners Court of Limestone County decided to test out the new highway law, the individual members who voted for such a test to be made, were sure they were right and they went ahead. They were perfectly honest in their intentions. As to their courage there can be no question. Men love a fighter, even though he may be honestly wrong in the campaign he wages. He becomes a hero if he dies fighting a righteous cause, and is truly in the right, such as is exemplified in the life of David Crockett who died in the Alamo, fighting not for Bexar county, but for all Texas, all America, all humanity who love liberty.

There can be no sane criticism directed at the court on the basis that the commissioners have won unfavorable publicity for Limestone County and jeopardized her relation to the state highway commission in such a way as to run the risk of losing valuable appropriations for good roads in this county. The members thought they were right, doubtless still think they were right, are joined by others who thought and think they were right and who even may be right. That question is left to the courts to decide. If left to the court of public opinion today, however, the decision would likely be that they were wrong.

The law was passed by the legislature of the State of Texas, representatives in which were from all sections of Texas, and if there had been a majority opposed to the law the chances are that a noisy protest would have been heard throughout the length and breadth of the land. That clamor, if made, was inaudible and today there are only a few counties willing to attack its constitutionality. Among those not attacking it are the vast majority of the great, progressive, prosperous counties of Texas.

If the commissioners of Limestone County, however, prove to be right in the end, then they will be heralded as real saviors of their country.

Should they prove to be right, then Texas may next hear of petitions being heard to test the constitutionality of the existing school laws which transfer a certain portion of school taxes to the treasury at Austin for distribution throughout the state, permitting some schools to reap where they have not swon. There is a logical connection between the two. The same reasons advanced against sending Limestone county automobile tax money to Austin may, with like force and effect, be directed against the law that sends some of Limestone county's school tax money to Austin for distribution over the state.

Should they prove to be right, some there may be who will favor dispensing with the office of the governor of the state of Texas, as all counties contribute to his salary and he visits few of them.

Should they prove to be right, then not only Limestone county but all Texas will run the risk of having Arkansas roads miserable as they are, to be duplicated in Texas.

Should they prove to be right, Texas will likely soon be called upon to go to the additional expense of calling a special session of the state legislature to pass a new highway law, just like Arkansas did when her citizens urged that the Governor call a special session to cure a highway trouble that had been caused when that state voiced opposition to the Federal highway law.

And if they should prove to be right, then the next thing logical would be to abolish the state highway department altogether, and go backwards more than a century, for it will prove to be a useless expense on the tax ridden public, in much the same position as a court without a case and a lawyer without a brief.

This, then, would predicate the withdrawal of all Federal aid for highway purposes from Texas, while her people, just like the citizens of other states, would have to continue paying into the treasury at Washington just as they do now.

It is just as reasonable to oppose the railroad commission, fathered by Jim Hogg, because all the roalroads are not in one county as it is to oppose the paying of taxes to the state highway department because all the roads and highways of the state are not in one county.

Such reasoning jeopardizes the entire foundation of our state and national government.

If they are right in their contention for local self government, reduced to its final analysis, then it will be reasonable for the people to expect the commissioners court to submit the matter of building a new court house to their suffrage or be faced with an injunction asking them to stop construction right where it is now and refuse to pay a cent of taxes for something they did not vote upon.

If they are wrong, then the State Highway Commission may press forward in a road building campaign which will be such a relief to the county commissioners everywhere that by all working harmoniously Texas may soon be lifted out of the mud and on a level, as far as good roads are concerned, with such states as California. The State Highway Commission will know where they are at in Texas, and so after all the action of the Commissioners Court may prove beneficial, even though our own commissioner, John Kennedy, had no part in the presentation of the petition in question.

In the meantime let good will prevail among us all. Let not the fires of passion prevail. Let no petty strife and discord tear us asunder. In calmness and like good citizens, let us reason together and when we are sure we are right, let's be as courageous as our honorable commissioners court and go ahead.

Let us remember at all times that loyalty to and love of country begins at home but should never be confined to a single locality.

PARIS.—With thousands homeless many suburbs inundated and business crippled from the flood, the Seine river continued to rise today. Hoped crest of flood will be reached by Sunday night. Many little towns along river are completely evacuated.

KANSAS CITY.—State motion picture censor board today considering request of attorney general Griffith to bar all Mable Normand pictures.

The United States consumes more than one-third of the world's total production of turpentine.

Tribes of interior Brazil have a mania for laying curses on their neighbors.

CHICAGO.—The North West Ice Skating Club will hold its thirty third annual derby here January 13, President C. I. Johnson said.

REDUCTION of TAXATION
WILL NOT CURTAIL FEDERAL ACTIVITIES

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JOHN T. PRATT
Chairman
National Budget Committee

IN the current discussion of the proposals which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon makes for a reduction in the general burden of taxation, it is important that the real choice which the people have to make should be kept constantly in mind. There is no great difficulty in doing this, but, as in all discussions which are approachable from many points of view, there is a danger that attention will be directed to subsidiary matters rather than to the idea which is central to the whole proposition

The essential propostion will be more clearly defined if the assumptions upon which Mr. Mellon's suggestions are based are clearly understood. The first of these is that present methods of efficiency and economy in the management of the Government's business shall continue. There must be no return to slipshod, wasteful methods in administering the ordinary operations of the Government. In concluding that there will be a surplus of receipts over expenditures during the next few years Mr. Mellon and his assistants have taken it for granted that there will be some increase in Government activities. They do not propose to say that henceforth from this particular moment our Government shall cease to have its natural growth as an institution whose purpose is to serve the people. They have allowed for such growth in their calculations, but have doubtless figured that the cost of this growth will be less than in the past by reason of the constant application of better business methods. The decision therefore which is to be made with respect to the disposal of the surplus does not affect the natural expansion of Government activities. The proposed reduction of $332,000,000 in taxes can be made without curtailing present activities or refusing to undertake new ones which are really essential.

Another assumption is that there shall continue to be included in the estimated expenditures for each year an amount sufficient to insure an appreciable annual reduction in the total of proposed reductions can be made despite the fact that $500,000,000 or more will be applied each year to the liquidation of this indebtedness to the American people. Our people are not asked to forego payment of interest on the bonds and notes which they hold in order that their tax bills may be reduced. They are to continue to receive Government payments while contributing less to the support of that Government. Not only that, but sinking fund charges and other allotments of receipts are to reduce the principal of the public debt.

Assured then of continued efficient service from the Government and of regular payment of interest, along with actual reduction of the debt total, the choice of the people lies entirely between a reduction of taxation and an extraordinary increase in the costs of Government. The question is simply whether we will have a number of new things done for us by the Government which are not imperatively necessary, or whether we prefer a substantial reduction in that part of our incomes which we now have to pay to the revenue collector.

WATCH MEXIA GROW!

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in Mexia. A sweeping policy of this kind, energetically pursued many times nearly all night, has done much to keep Mexia in the eyes of the world as the center of oil activities in this section of Texas. Its reports have always been considered sufficiently reliable and conservative as to win space in the most conservative and dependable newspapers of America. It was in adherence to this policy of "Truth in Publicity" as the records show that the article was carried in The Mexia Daily News regarding building permits. And it was due to this same policy of "Truth in Publicity" that the item was not sent out elsewhere to an ignorant reading public who could not see improvements other than those on the books of the city secretary.

Recently, there was a district meeting in Corsicana of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World and of the Associated Advertising Clubs of Texas. W. K. Boyd, Manager of the News Publishing Company, is the only citizen in Limestone county who is a member of those bodies. Practically 75 from here attended the meeting at Corsicana.

The News Publishing Company is one of the largest industries in Mexia. It employs as many people as are employed by any other concern here and has the largest annual pay roll. The families of the regular employes, not including the 25 or 30 newsboys who sell The Mexia Daily News on the streets, total a real contribution to the population of Mexia. They spend their money here. They make their money here. The News, therefore, is deeply interested in the progress of Mexia. Its very life depends upon that. For that reason, it has hoped to conduct a newspaper that would help every worthy endeavor in this part of Texas, and to that end has devoted space that could not be purchased by the advertisers of Mexia who have been devotedly faithful and loyal to a noteworthy degree and because of which support The News has been able to appear as creditably as it has.

The News in 1923 has sponsored every worthy undertaking launched for a bigger and better Mexia, whether sponsored by the Lions club, Chamber of Commerce, church, school, or other clubs or individuals.

In January 1923, the files of the Mexia Daily News show that it devoted 988 inches of space to items concerning the clubs, organizations and institutions of this city. This was about 50 columns in one month. 152 inches was required to handle the publicity for the churches; 126 inches for the Lions club; 31 inches for the Salvation Army; 19 inches for the American Legion; 78 inches for the Salesmanship club; 103 inches for the Chamber of Commerce; 14 inches for the Elk's Club; 28 inches for the Rotary club; 164 inches for the Y. M. C. A. 61 inches for the public schools and editorials written to boost these various causes and Mexia occupied 266 inches. Too, the month of January probably was far below the average in this service. January is not an average month in the newspaper world, in advertising patronage or otherwise. It is cited, as that is the only month so far examined, but by Friday, when the Lions meet again, The News will have completed its summary of the year in which it will show just how much space was devoted during the year to these causes and just how much the various organizations mentioned spent with The News, either in advertising or in the job department.

At classified advertising rates the January 1923 publicity would have cost $345. Much of the space, front page, not purchaseable at any price. But all was given gladly, in eagerness to help build here a bigger and better Mexia.

This policy is still effective in this office, tempered only by sound business judgment. A newspaper can be too free with its space and whenever it is given, the spirit of reciprocity should prevail. Mexia merchants and business men have made it possible for Mexia to have a daily newspaper. To them goes the credit. They should have the never waning loyality of the local citizenship who want to see Mexia grow. The organizations and institutions here, too, have been friendly, but often they have forgotten that they must cooperate, in a business way, and not merely by word of mouth in encouraging the home newspaper. Few newspapers have ever made any great amount of money. The business is full of difficulties and hazards that put out of the running thousands of newspapers every year. Money can be spent all to rapidly in the newspaper world. The Mexia morning Telegram, according to records submitted to the Limestone district court, spent $32,000 in the brief four months in Mexia, while the income of that business was less than $23,000. The News now is endeavoring to publish the best newspaper possible with support given. In this it is receiving commendatioin from authorities elsewhere who declare it to contain more readable matter than any newspaper published in a town the size of Mexia in Texas, if not in the entire country. It's circulation is greater than that of newspapers in towns of 15,000 population. There is only one way for it to be better, and that is for Mexia, Mexia citizens, Mexia organizations and Mexia institutions to gvie it such support as will enable it to expand and be bigger and better, day by day and in every way. A newspaper that goes very far ahead of the community it serves, is soon put out of the running. A newspaper that falls behind the community which it is supposed to serve soon has a competitor.

The Mexia News has served this community for the past 25 years. Competitors have come and competitors have gone. But The News still stands and hopes to continue to serve loyally, faithfully, hopefully, zealously and earnestly, in the midst of friend and foe, for another quarter of a century and then some.

Men's Cooperative Club Is Organized

The Mens Co-operative Club has been organized by the men of the Central Presbyterian church for the purpose of promoting matters of interest to the church. The club is to hold meetings on the first Friday in each month at 8 p. m. A meeting is to be held next Friday, however, in honor of the new pastor, Rev. Victor K. Aubrey of St. Joseph, Missouri, who arrived last Friday and will fill both the morning and evening pulpits at the church today.

The officers and members of the club are as follows:

R. F. Babb, president.
J. D. Arrington, vice president.
Warren Dale, secretary and treas.
W. L. Adamson
Oran Arrington
Hugh Everett
S. N. Forrest
D. H. Gibson
R. E. Hickman
Bon Hickman
Roy Jordon
Phil Karner
C. A. Kennedy
A. D. McDonald
J. S. Stanberry.
W. R. Storey.

The members listed above were those present at the organization of the club. Membership is open, however, to all men members of the church.

A committee on organization was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the club to be presented at the next meeting.

James Riddle, Jr., left Saturday for his school after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Riddle. The young man is attending CastleHeights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn.

Roman architects placed earthen jars in the theatre walls to increase the resonance.

W. A. Flanniken of Tehuacana was in the city Wednesday on business.

CITIZENSHIP
—Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

Harry M. Ayers, Publisher of the Anniston (Alabama) Star submits the following thought for the day:

"Positive citizenship" is a phrase that you often will find in the editorial columns of The Anniston Star, and I wish that every person who reads this article would turn to a standard dictionary and trace the derivation of those two words. Both words come down to us from the Old English and French, characteristic of the blending of blood that has made this nation great. 'Positive' means 'Having a real position; not dependent on changing circumstances or relations; not admitting of any doubt, condition, qualification or discretion; full assured, confident; having the power of direct action or influence,' etc. 'Citizen' is derived from Old English, French, Latin, Gothic and Anglo-Saxon words which are interpreted (See 'city') as meaning 'man of the house,' 'members of a family, servants,' etc.; and the suffix 'ship' is defined as 'denoting state, office, dignity, profession, or art; as in lordship, friendship, stewardship,' etc. So it will be seen that to be a positive citizen one must be an upstanding American, conscious of one's responsibilities and willing to shoulder one's burdens; for to be a genuine citizen, it has been noted, implies the relationship of servant as well as that of head of the house. The man who said, 'Let others shake the tree; I'll pick up the fruit' did not have first principles of good citizenship in his heart. He was a leech, a parasite, good for nothing but to suck the life-blood out of creative, health-giving factors. Yet, we have a good many mean, stingy, shrivelled souls like that in every community; men who will not contribute to Chambers of Commerce, who will not work on committees, who try to dodge their taxes and every other obligation of good citizenship. The Master taught us, in the Parable of the Talents, that such men as this, who will reap where they have not sown should be 'cast into outer darkness;' and certainly in any enlightened society today they deserve social ostracism.

"My advertence to the dictionary recalls a little homily on words by John Ruskin. 'The derivation of words,' he said, 'is like that of rivers, there is one real source, usually small, unlikely, and difficult to find, far up among the hills; then as the word flows on and comes into service, it takes on the force of other words from other sources, and becomes quite another word—often much more than one word after the junction, a word, as it were, of many waters, sometimes both sweet and bitter.' So it is with our civilization. America represents the confluence of many streams of blood and thought. The age that gave to America a Washington, a Jefferson and a Franklin gave to England Hume, Adam Smith, John Howard, Burke and Pitt; to Germany, Lessing, Goethe, and Frederick the Great; to Italy, Beccaria and Galiani; and to France, Voltaire, Rousseau, Diderot, Turgot and Condorcet. We owe as much to the birth pangs that preceded the revolution and the first republic in France as to Runnymede, Naseby and Torbay, or to the Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights. Mr. Jefferson, indeed, was quite frank in acknowledging the influence that the French and British philosophers and Encyclopedists exercised over our Declaration of Independence, and Mr. Emerson also was well advised when he said that the rifle shots fired at Concord and Lexington were heard around the world. Nor has this interchange of world thought and action ceased with our own day. Rather, with the development of modern means of communication, has it been accelerated and enlarged. Nations can no more live to themselves than can individuals.

"And while it is not within our power to set aside this immutable law of society, we may at least be elective in relation to the thought and achievements of the Old World that we appropriate to our own uses. We may with credit reject many of their false philosophies, but at the same time we will do well to emulate them in the planning of their cities. We here in the South, in fact, would have profited had we followed the advice of world travelers who have pointed out to us avenues of progress toward the goal of greater efficiency, beauty and symmetry in our efforts toward city-building. A little more than a year ago I had the honor to make the response to the address of welcome given the American Legion to Belgium. It was at the magnificent Hotel de Ville, or City Hall, of Brussels, and as the representative of the government was speaking I was studying the wonderful paintings and statuary that lined the walls of the building, thinking the while of the deplorable contrast between that setting and some of our makeshifts for Municipal dwellings here in the South. It made me sick at heart to contemplate our backwardness in this respect, and I believe our Chambers of Commerce, luncheon clubs and other Civic bodies could render no greater service to the South than to strive to increase our civic consciousness and to stimulate our sectional pride. Indeed, let us have more positive citizens in every sense of the word."

Mrs. Lamar Campbell has returned to her home in Shreveport, following an enjoyable Christmas visit with her relatives here.

"GOODBY," TICKER TICKS TO BROKER.

John Borg

In 1897 John Borg got a job as a runner in Wall Street at $4 a week. He decided that when he was worth $2,000,000 he would retire. Now, with his $2,000,000 safely invested, though only 41 years of age, he has given his entire curb brokerage business to his junior partners and retired to devote the balance of his life to running a newspaper in New Jersey. He has given away immense sums or he would have his $2,000,000 before now.

CENTRAL TEXAS PRESS
By N. P. Houx.

MEMBER TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

REEL POETRY

Whatever troubles Adam had,
That haunted like a spector,
He never lost a moment's sleep
About the tax collector.
—Terrell Transcript.

Whatever troubles Adam had
To vex and fret a man,
He had no lodge excuse at night,
Not even Ku Klux Klan.
—Mineral Wells Index.

Third Reel.
Whatever troubles Adam had,
To vex him with his labors,
He wasn't bothered all the time
By curious, gossipy neighbors.
—Bryan Eagle.

Fourth Reel.
Whatever troubles Adam had,
As the world turned on its axis
He wasn't bothered (any time)
About paying income taxes.

An Anderson county man claims to have perfected weevil-proof cotton. It is to be hoped it is true. However, a fortune awaits the man who perfects a fool-proof automobile.—Denison Herald.

Only the junked ones are fool-proof.

Whither are we drifting, what'cll will be next! A republican in full possession of his faculties, and supposed a man of reason, has positively refused an office, tendered him by the president of the United States. R. B. Creagor, republican national committeeman from Texas, has declined the offer of ambassador to Mexico. Shades of Webster Flanagan! "What is Creagor here for?"—Wise County Messenger.

Mr. Creagor lives near enough to Mexico to get all he wants without going to the City of Mexico.

The fellow who used in the old days fill his hide full of squirrel booze and ride out of town whooping and shooting now has a son wo gets in dad's Elizabetsy and steps on her while he holds his thumb on the horn to notify folks that the machine is running without brains.—Loafer in Denton Record-Chronicle.

It has been demonstrated many times that it does not take brains to run an automobile. Just gas, that dad pays for, does the trick.

We have a perfectly good set of New Year resolutions that have never been used. They have been well cared for, having been taken out and dusted off carefully every Jan. 1st for a number of years and then placed back in soft cotton and moth balls. Will exchange for anything of like value.—Sam Miller in Mineral Wells Index.

Dear Sam.—Herewith find one German mark. Please send along the resolutions—and keep the change.

Isn't it funny? It takes twenty-one years to make a man; but with a supply of lipstick, paint, powder, rouge and hair a beauty artist can make a woman in half an hour.—Terrell Transcript.

Not so. She just thinks she is a woman. Same as a kid with a cigaret in his mouth thinks he is a man.

John Henry Kirby, who was born in the piney woods of East Texas and who is said to be a millionaire several times, demonstrated that he had a heart when he acted Santa Claus to more than five thousand little kiddies, whose parens worked for his big lumber company in East Texas and Louisiana. It is stated that Mr. Kirby ordered Santa Claus to distribute 25,000 presents. That is what we call doing the right clean thing at the proper time. We have never seen a rich man die and take his money with him. John Henry Kirby is leaving a record, that he wants to divide part of his while on earth and scatter sunshine among the poor and the needy.—McKinney Courier-Gazette.

John Henry is full of those sort of tricks. One time when he was a member of the Texas legislature he gave his entire salary and mileage to one of his friends who needed a little temporary help.

One of the best Christmas presents Palestine and Anderson county received was the news from Freestone county, our neighbor to the west, that it had voted more than one million dollars for good roads. This means that we will get a bridge across the Trinity river and a through highway to the west. This section has long needed an east and west highway, and with the Trinity river bridge the rest will be comparatively easy. The people of Freestone county are to be congratulated for their progressive step, and for their decision to connect up with the State's system of highways. A number of East Texas counties are building a highway system that will compare with the best in the State, and will make this a new country, easily approached, and should bring the lands and the farms into demand. East Texas is the garden spot of Texas, and some day it is going to be a paradise, the superior to the best sections of California.—Palestine Herald

MARK TWAIN ON "MAN"

"Man can't sleep out of doors without freezing to death or getting rheumatism; he can't keep his nose under water over a minute without being drowned. He's the poorest clumsiest excuse of all the creatures that inhabit the eart.

"He has to be coddled, housed and swathed and bandaged to be able to live at all. He is a rickety sort of thing anyway you take him—a regular British Museum of infirmities and inferiorities.

"He is always undergoing repairs. A machine as unreliable as he is would have no market value.

"The higher animals get their teeth without pain or inconveniences. Man's came through months of cruel torture at a time when he is least able to bear it. As soon as he gets them they must be pulled out again. The second set will answer for a while, but he will never get a set that can be depended on till the dentist makes one.

"Man starts in as a child and lives on diseases to the end, as a regular diet. He has mumps, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, croup, tonsilitis, diptheria, as a matter of course.

"Afterwards as he goes along, his life, continues to be threatened at every turn by colds, coughs, asthma, bronchitis, quinsy, consumption, yellow fever, blindness, influenza, carbuncles, pneumonia, softening of the brain and a thousand other maladies of one sort and another.

"He's just a basketful of pestilent corruption, provided for the support and entertainment of microbes. Look at the workmanship of him in some particulars.

"What is his appendix for. It has no value. Its sole interest is to lie and wait for grapeseeds and breed trouble.

"What is his beard for? It is just a nuisance. All nations prosecute it with the razor. Nature, however, always keeps him supplied with it, instead of putting it on his head.

"A man wants to keep his hair. It is a graceful ornament, a comfort, the best protection against weather, and he prizes it above emeralds and rubies, and half the time Nature puts it on so it won't stay.

"Man isn't even handsome, as compared with the birds; and as for style look at the Bengal tiger—that ideal of grace, physical perfection and majesty.

"Think of the lion and the tiger—and the leopard,.then think of man—that poor thing! The animal of the wig, the ear trumpet, the glass eye, the porcelain teeth, the wooden leg, the silver windpipe—a creature that is mended all over from top to bottom.

"If he can't get renewals of his bric-abrac in the next world, what will he look like?"

STATE INSTITUTIONS

Texas has seventeen eleemosynary institutions. They are as follows:

1 Confederate Home
2 Confederate Woman's Home
3 School for the Blind
4 School for the Deaf
5 Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored
6 Orphan's Home
7 Girls' Training School
8 Juvenile Training School
9 Feeble Minded Colony
10 East Texas Hospital for Insane
11 North Texas Hospital for Insane
12 Southwestern Insane Asylum
13 State Lunatic Asylum
14 North West Texas Insane Asylum
15 State Epileptic Colony
16 American Legion Memo Sanitarium
17 Tuberculosis Sanitarium

DISASTERS

Unequaled in modern times was the disaster that befell Japan on September 1 when violent earthquake shocks and resultant fires destroyed Yokohama entirely and about two-thirds of Tokyo and ruined many smaller towns. The number of killed was estimated at 225,000, and the injured at more than half that number. Though many of the houses were flimsy, the property loss was enormous. The hundreds of thousands of refugees suffered severely, but the American government and the American Red Cross were swift with relief measures, and other nations joined in the work. Shiploads of food and millions of dollars were rushed to the stricken land, and the Japanese government was materially aided in its task of rebuilding the ruined cities.

Among other serious disasters of the year were, January 3, twenty persons killed by collapse of a bridge at Kelso, Wash.; February 8, mine explosion at Dawson killed 120, and one at Cumberland, B. C., killed 30; February 18, twenty-one patients and three attendants were killed in insane asylum fire on Ward's island, New York; March 10, Greek transport sank with 150 sodliers; April 6, tidal waves in Corea and Japan killed 600; May 14, Hot Springs, Ark., partly destroyed by flood and fire; May 17, seventy-three killed in burning of a schoolhouse at Cleveland, S. C.; June 10, disastrous floods in Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado; June 15, thousands of Persians killed by earthquakes; June 18, several towns destroyed by eruption of Mt. Etna; August 14, coal mine explosion at Kemmerer, Wyo., killed 98; August 18, Hongkong badly damaged by typhoon; August 22, million-dollar flood in Arkansas valley, Colorado; September 8, nine U. S. destroyers wrecked on California coast, 23 lives being lost; September 15, typhoon and floods killed 5,000 in Japan; September 17, large part of Berkeley, Cal., destroyed by flames; September 27, forty killed in Burlington train wreck at Lockett, Wyo., November 13, earthquake in Shansi province, China, killed 1,500; December 1, nearly 500 killed by bursting of dam near Bergamo, Italy; December 9, nine killed and many injured in wreck of the Twentieth Century train at Forsythe, N. Y.; December 15, destructive earthquake in Colombia and Ecuador.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

Compiled by N. P. Houx
From Files of Mexia Evening News of Jan. 6, 1899.

J. O. Harper of this city has been appointed steward of the insane asylum at Terrell by Governor Sayers.

The new passenger depot has not yet been completed, and some of our people are beginning to doubt that it ever will be built.

Mrs. Sandford Smith is on the sick list.

Mr. Dan Corley of Dallas is visiting his brother, John R. Corley.

W. D. Pittman has a new and select stock of jewelry just in.

Lee Satterwhite of Wortham passed through the city on his way to Austin to be present at the opening of the legislature.

The Knights of Pythias lodge was treated to an oyster supper by Mr. Hovey last night. The lodge is in the habit of visiting the oyster parlor after each meeting, so Mr. Hovey did the honors last night, and has the thanks of all who were present.

Col. W. H. Mabry, of the First Texas Infantry, died yesterday in Havana of pneumonia.

Editorial—The Prison Bulletin, published at Huntsville, is responsible for this lump of wit: "The old proverb, 'A man is known by the company he keeps,' is rather a tough reflection on sheriffs and convict guards."

CHARGES HUSBAND TRIED TO SELL HER

Elsie La Maie and Mrs. Helen La Maie

The entire country has been aroused by the charge of Mrs. Helen LeMaie, who alleged in the Los Angeles ... rce courts that her husband, Elsie LeMaie, Hollywood motion picture director, had tried to sell her to Lou Harris, an immensely wealthy negro gambler at Tia Juana, Mexico for $500,000, of which, she alleges, she was to receive $1[illegible],000 if she permitted herself to be sold. LeMaie denies the charges.

MAYOR RIDES IN FLIVVER

FORT WORTH, Jan. 5.—Mayor Cockrell has set Fort Worth citizens an example in the matter of economy.

With the city deeply in debt, Mayor Cockrell has abandoned the expensive six-cylinder automobile furnished him by the city and now takes his air in a flivver.

Westminster hall has been flooded at least twice by the Thames.

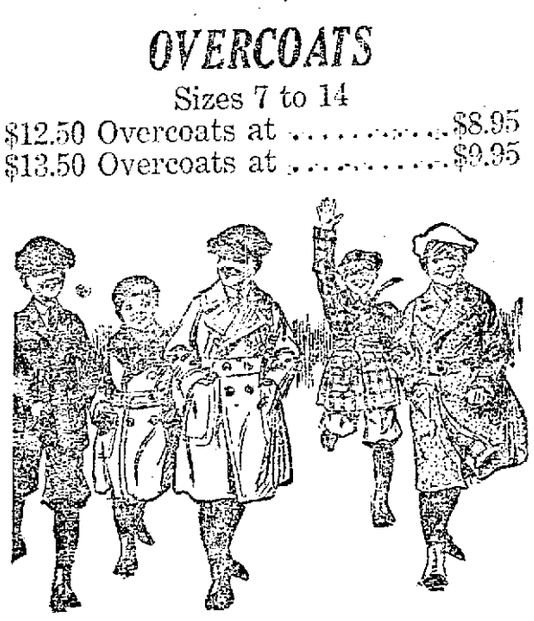
SPECIAL
—One counter of Children's Hosiery at ----------19¢

Hi Skinny!

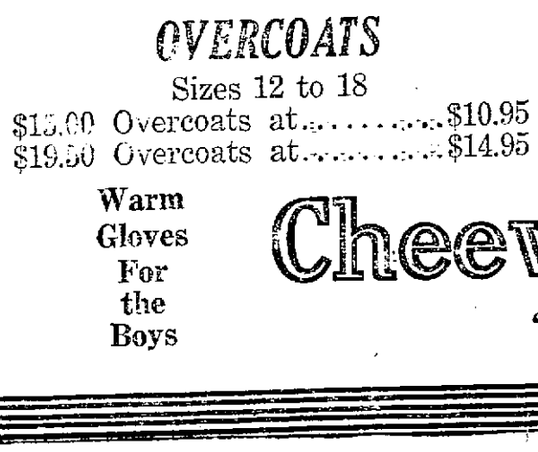
"We're going down to Cheeves' store, the place where they sell good clothes for boys!"

Boys Like To Visit Cheeves They get just what they want

OVERCOATS
Sizes 2½ to 7
$ 8.50 Overcoats at.....$6.95
$10.00 Overcoats at.....$7.95



OVERCOATS
Sizes 7 to 14
$12.50 Overcoats at.....$8.95
$13.50 Overcoats at.....$9.95



OVERCOATS
Sizes 12 to 18
$15.00 Overcoats at.....$10.95
$19.50 Overcoats at.....$14.95

MONDAY

AND ALL THIS WEEK

—Our Suit offering will be in effect. Dozens of suits at prices which will appeal to every mother and the suits are just what real American boys want.

BOYS SUITS

AT REDUCED PRICES

$19.50 Suits at.....$13.95
$18.50 Suits at.....$13.95
$17.50 Suits at.....$13.95
$15.00 Suits at.....$10.95
$13.50 Suits at.....$10.00
$12.50 Suits at.....$ 8.95
$10.00 Suits at.....$ 7.95

ALL ABOVE SUITS WITH TWO PAIR TROUSERS

—Full lines, knicker styles, belt loops all bar-tacked. Coats are double breasted, hand felded at cuffs and bottom of coat. Newest models.

—Every mother who has boys should visit our store this week.

Sweaters - Coats and Slip-Over Styles

—A big assortment in just the colors boys want for school wear. Roomy and warm as can be.

$7.50 Sweaters ----------$4.95
$5.95 Sweaters ----------$3.95
$3.95 Sweaters ----------$2.50
$2.95 Sweaters ----------$1.95
$2.50 Sweaters ----------$1.75
$1.25 Sweaters ----------$ .95

A Big Line of Caps for Boys

$1.50 Caps at----------$1.19
$1.00 Caps at----------79¢

Boys' Knit Union Suits

$1.25 Union Suits at----------$1.00
$1.00 Union Suits at----------75¢

SHOES—
for School and Dress Wear

$5.00 Shose at----------$3.95
$4.50 Shoes at----------$3.50
Army Shoes at----------$3.50
Army Shoes at----------$3.00

Warm Gloves For the Boys

Cheeves Bros. & Co.

'Mexia's Greatest Department Store'

Shirts and Blouses For Boys

Mrs. Kennedy Chosen President Central Presbyterian Missionary Society at Wednesday's Meeting

The Womens Missionary Society of the Central Presbyterian Church met at the church Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 and elected the following officers for the next year.

President, Miss Mamie Kennedy.

First Vice President, Mrs. Allen Hatch.

Second Vice President, Mrs. R. D. Morgan.

Secretary, Mrs. Warren Wallace.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Tom Best.

Home Treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Groover.

Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. R. F. Babb.

Secretary of Literature, Mrs. J. R. Forrest.

The Missionary Society meets regularly on Monday afternoon but was postponed necessarily this week.

Hughes Scores Article Carried In Mexia News

The Lions Club held their regular luncheon at the Majestic Cafe Friday. The meeting, which was a purely business one, was called to order at 12:30 by the President J. K. Hughes. After the invocation by Lion Reaves, Mrs. J. K. Hughes was introduced by Lion Jackson.

A suggestion that it be arranged by the secretary for two Lions each week to bring their ladies to the luncheon was adopted by the Club.

An address by Lion J. K. Hughes was the central feature of the program. He directed criticism against an article appearing recently in the Mexia Daily News concerning the amount of building permits issued in the city during 1923. He stated that he wished to be fair in the matter of his criticism and it was his purpose merely to bring out the one great desire of his for a better Mexia. The surest way to build a greater Mexia, he continued, through the local papers as well as through newspapers elsewhere in the state. He expressed a belief that it would be profitable to advertise the city in the large papers of the state and if necessary to pay for the advertisement. Another very profitable form of advertising, he said, would be to have smaller conventions of the country meet here and to induce great entertainers and speakers enroute through the state to stop off at different times.

Mr. Hughes informed the Club that the matter of the cotton mills was not a dead issue; that a meeting of a committee on the project is to be held soon and a definite report will be made at an early date.

Speaking in regard to the matter of taking stock, he asked that each member ask himself what he has done in 1923 for the betterment of the city, and for each to resolve that during 1924 he will do his part in aiding the city officials to pull the load.

Several projects now before the club were enumerated by Mr. Hughes with the statement that "if we haven't these things completed or well under way by the end of the year I'll think that I haven't done my part." They are: Cotton Mills for Mexia, Home for the American Legion, New Charter, more and better water, more paved streets, and country club with golf links.

The report of the white way committee given by Lion Morgan showed that this committee has done a splendid work on this project. At Mr. Morgan's request another committee relieved the first to carry forward the matter. It was also decided that the project be taken up with the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and closed as early as possible.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Program for Sunday afternoo, Jan. 6, 1924:

Leader—Mrs. J. W. Still.

Hymn—My faith looks up to Thee.

Prayer—For the enlightening and quickening presence of God's spirit in this meeting.

Devotional—Some impossible tasks God has accomplished.—Mrs. Schulz.

Prayer—That we may have a new and deeper realization of God's power to accomplish his own purposes.

Hymn—Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

Talk—Foreign Missions Board reports on the tasks now confronting us. —Pa for Joe Jeffers.

Prayer for increased faith to meet the challenge of our opportunities.

Special music.

Talk—Living Epistles.—Mrs. Dunaway.

Watchword for the year.—Cor. 5:5.

Talk—Star Gleams in Japan.—Mrs. Harris.

Talk—The Star or the Sword.—Mrs. Ellington.

Prayer—That we may send many who shall persuade the Japanese to accept the Star in place of the Sword through our completed 75 million campaign.

Hymn—Crown Women With Proclaim.

Closing prayer—That God's people in this church may have a spirit of prayer.

You never can tell. All the people who pose are not models.

PETER THE HERMIT LOSING HIS HOME

HOLLYWOOD, Cal. (United Press.)—Peter the Hermit, who, ever since Hollywood's sudden rise to fame as the home of movie celebrities, scandals and "sympathetic" gin, has been one of the landmarks pointed out to the visitor, along with the home of Mary Pickford, is being crowded further and further into the foothills by civilization. In fact, there is some doubt that he is a hermit any more.

For 16 years, Peter has been a familiar figure on the streets of the city. Bareheaded and bare-footed, with his faithful dog, Dixie, and his donkey, Lizzie, as his only companions, he has roamed at will. But now, the energetic real estate subdivisers are encroaching on his kingdom. His hillside hut is no more a place of seclusion

Any day now the natives are expecting the Hermit to pack his tent, take his dog and donkey, and steal silently over the hill, where he will no longer be bothered by the worry, love, hate and excitement of the present day.

COW AND HEN BRING PROSPERITY

A few days ago, I had some institutes down in Harrison county, Indiana. I had long anticipated the trip because Harrison county contains one of the most famous poultry centers in the Middle West and because it was at Corydon that the first Hoosier state constitution was adopted more than a hundred years ago.

But the history of Harrison county is identical with the past of many another county. When the land was first cleared, it would raise excellent crops of clover, wheat and corn. But the soil was exploited as all virgin soil is in forty or fifty years it became very unproductive.

The Southern railroad runs then this territory and about twenty years ago it put on something new—an agricultural and industrial agent. In order to make business for the road he knew that he must make the agriculture along the road permanent. His name was Carleton Ball and he started the ball of prosperity rolling by interesting the folks in poultry and cattle.

Harvey Davis bought the first mammoth incubator in 1907. It took 6,000 eggs to set it. Then others went into the business. Now there are in Harrison county, sixteen commercial hatcheries that turn out a million and a half chicks a year. To supply hatching eggs for these concerns, literally hundreds of farmers are keeping poultry. I saw a great many flocks that number more than 500 hens. As near as could be estimated, 25,000 cases of eggs are shipped out of Harrison county every year. Even on that poor soil, I saw more painted buildings and modernized farm homes than I have seen in any other county in the last year.—"The County Agent," in Farm Life.

THE CAR OWNERS PAYS FOR THE ROADS

People who do not drive automobiles sometimes complain about the enormous sums of money spent on highway improvement. "The road," they say, "cost a lot of money and the car owners get most of the benefit." In a measure that is true; but it should not be forgotten that the car owners pay for the roads. It is probable, indeed, that they more than pay for the roads. The federal government, for instance, reports that it has paid out $264,782,216 on account of Federal Aid highways, Forest Roads construction and expenses of administration. But this is not a tax on the non-car owner because the government has collected $589,012,021 in taxes on automobiles, tires and accessories. This leaves more than three hundred million dollars of automobile money to be turned into the treasury for general purposes. In the states, license fees, galosine taxes and other charges—to say nothing of the property tax—usually take care of the road building program and sometimes leave a surplus. These facts should be considered in tax reducing programs. It is not necessary to fight sensible appropriations for making roads since the driver pays his own way.—Farm Life.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of $2,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT?—Four per cent normal tax on the first $4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over $6,000 for the year 1923.

BUCAREST.—The first congress of the Women's Little Entente was held here last November.

A second piece of pie exemplifies the small boy's idea of getting his just deserts.

HUMBLE TAKES POSTOAK OIL

The Humble Pipe Line Company will enter the market for Postoak oil, according to announcement in Marlin.

The Humble Company will run a four-inch pipe line from its pumping station south of Chilton to the Postoak area.

The oil will be purchased on the same basis as Ranger crude.

The present quotation on Ranger crude is 90 cents per barrel, as the result of a recent advance, prior to which the Postoak Company of Chilton sold 3000 barrels to the National Petroleum Company of Dallas at 75 cents.

The Dallas refiners have already laid a pipe line from the Postoak field to loading racks on the Sap railroad at Chilton.

DELPHIAN CLUB

The Delphian Club will meet next Wednesday, January 9th at the public library. All members are urged to be present.

SPORT TABS

PHILADELPHIA.—Yale was voted the champion football team of the East and award the Jelly Trophy at the annual meeting of the Philadelphia Veteran Athletets, an organization of prominent sportmen. Bill Roper, Princeton coach and member of the board,, voted for Yale over Cornell.

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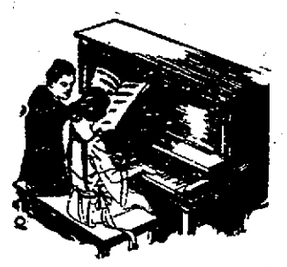

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ON EVERY ARTICLE IN THE STORE INCLUDING—
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Such as Boots, Shoes, Coats, Sweaters, Gloves, Underwear, Etc.
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"Dependable Men's Wear"
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FOR SALE

14 acres land in Eastern part of town on pike—not rented.

38 acres land 3 miles northeast of town—not rented.

2-story house on Milam St.

2 story garage on Milam St.

7-room house, McKinney and Milam.

63 acres land 1 mile west of town on pike.

150 acres 3 miles south of town on pike.

Houses and lots in all parts of town.

Jesse McLendon
'Phone 1

NOT LIKE A SACK OF FLOUR

You drop into the grocery store and ask for a sack of flour, "I have a truck load on the way," says the grocer, "and will send it over in a couple of hours."

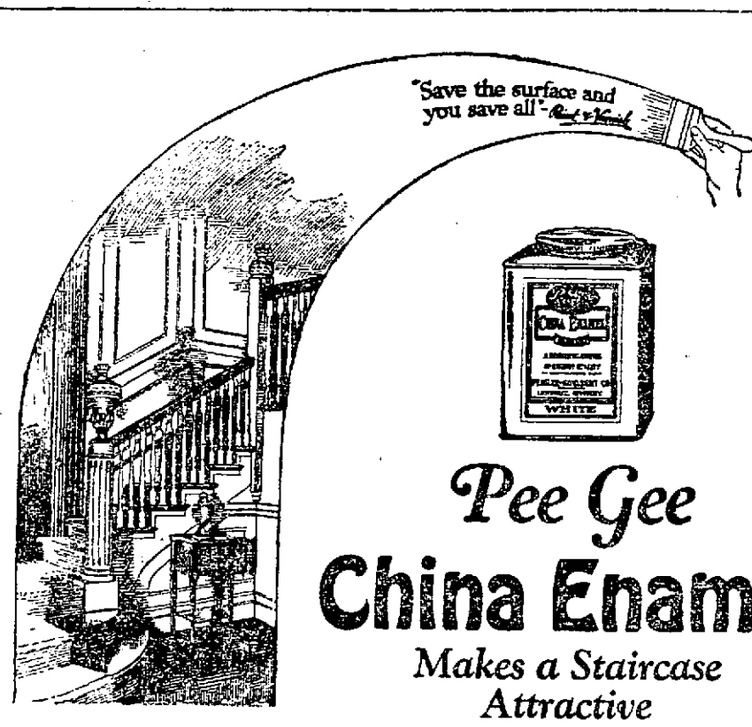
That is perfectly satisfactory.

You press the button. Suppose the Electric Company would tell you that they were out of it just now but would send over a package of light in a couple of hours.

The difference is that the Electric company sells service and not a commodity. It must be ready to serve its customers when they want the service. It is as reasonable for an Electric company to be expected to be ready to serve any minute of the day as it is reasonable for the dealer in staple commodities to take two hours to make a delivery.

But this is a factor in the Electric service that many users of the service have not considered when they appraise the service.

COMMUNITY POWER & LIGHT CO. OF TEXAS



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Makes a Staircase Attractive

The staircase in a home usually is conspicuous because of its prominence. First impressions can easily be marred or enhanced by its appearance.

A combination mahogany and enamel finish is rich and appealing. It suggests refinement and good taste and lends warmth to the color scheme used in decorating.

Pee Gee China Enamel has unusual wearing qualities to recommend it. Then too it is easily kept clean. Comes in ivory and white—finishes may be egg shell or gloss.

Let us show you the attractive Pee Gee China panels.

Free Book
"The Modern Method of Finishing Wood"
A copy of this attractive and helpful book should be in every home. Contains practical advice and suggestions on how to take care of your floors and woodwork. In addition it shows 20 wood panels, each finished in a different color.
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GETTING THE IDEA

JUST HOLD STILL A MOMENT AND THE IDEA WILL STRIKE YOU!
HEY! WHAT KIND OF A GAME IS THIS ANYWAY? I DON'T GET THE BIG IDEA!
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BANKER
UNECONOMIC MARKETING
CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING
OBLIVION
Nate Collier

Closer fellowship between bankers and farmers was urged and a resolution adopted affirming faith in the efficacy of the co-operative marketing idea at a meeting of the American Bankers Association Agricultural Commission. —*News Item.*

SAVINGS MORE THAN DOUBLE IN DECADE

New York.—Reported savings deposits in banks and trust companies of the United States have more than doubled in amount during the past decade, and the number of accounts have increased by about 141 per cent, figures compiled by the Savings Bank Division, American Bankers Association, show.

"If distributed equally among our entire population, the savings deposits in 1912 would have given $89 to each adult and child in the country," the Division's report says, "but in 1922 the portion of each would have been no less than $158."

The officially reported savings deposits are as follows:

	Deposits	Accounts
1912	$8,425,275,000	12,584,316
1922	17,331,479,000	30,323,320
Increase ..	105.7%	140.9%

"This remarkable growth is attributable to improvement in the services of the banks for savers and to the more consistent canvass for accounts through advertising and soliciting," the report says.

HOW THE NATION IS PROTECTED FROM SERIOUS DISASTER

City Without a Reserve Water Supply Against Destruction by Fire Likened by Bankers' Committee to Business Situation Without Federal Reserve System.

A vital element in everybody's prosperity is that mysterious sounding "something or other" called *bank reserve*, says the Committee on Public Education of the American Bankers Association, adding: "It isn't an easy matter to make simple and interesting, but its importance to every man, woman and child in the country makes the effort worth while." The Committee continues:

Money on deposit must always be ready for depositors when they desire it. Banks must also be ready to loan money, when needed, to their customers, or business would be hampered. In other words, prosperity depends largely on the ability of the banks to meet these demands—that is, depends on the "bank reserves." The problem of handling reserves has been difficult. The Federal Reserve System has met the problem more satisfactorily than any other method ever tried in this country.

The Great Solution

Our banks are managed by officers and directors, elected by their own stockholders. They are interested in helping the town to grow and prosper. But just as a local telephone station is valuable to the interchange of thought because it belongs to a system whose wires reach to all parts of the nation, so the local bank is valuable to the interchange of business because of its connections with other banks in the United States, finding its strength and its usefulness in being part of a system.

For many years a plan was sought whereby our thousands of separate and independent banks could get together and cooperate for the improvement of our banking methods, and for mutual protection in emergencies, both for themselves and customers. We had periodical money panics, dangerously disturbing to business, and chargeable, in large part, to defects in our banking and currency system.

There was no central bank from which the individual banks could get assistance in time of trouble. Panic conditions caused weak banks to fail, and even strong and sound institutions to be imperilled. Bankers, business men, and leaders in Congress for years made a careful study of banking and finally Congress passed a law providing for the establishment of twelve great Federal Reserve Banks, each designed to serve as a sort of central bank for such banks in its allotted territory as might become members of the Federal Reserve System.

It retained the American plan of independent banks doing business under the management of their own directors and officers. About 10,000 banks have become members of the Federal Reserve System. The member banks in each district own the entire stock of the Federal Reserve bank there, and elect two-thirds of the directors. The other directors are appointed by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington, the Governmental body having supervision over the Reserve banks, though it does not operate them. Its members are appointed by the President of the United States.

The Federal Reserve banks hold member banks' reserves. Formerly each bank carried in its own vault the cash required by law as a legal reserve so that it would be ready to pay depositors on demand. The gold supply of the country was thus scattered among thousands of independent banks.

When Fire Rages

This situation may be likened to the old-time water supply in a town. Each house had to depend on its individual well, tank, or cistern. Picture such a town attacked by fire. If the water was low in one well, from drought, or excessive use, water would have to be borrowed from a neighboring well. Suppose the water in that well also was at a low level. Thus the safety of all was sacrificed because no RESERVE water supply was at hand. The fire would become a conflagration.

Under the Federal Reserve System, we have a series of modern reservoirs, located in various parts of the country, each serving the needs of the banks in its own district. In each of these reservoirs credit is stored up to be supplied to the various banks, as the need arises. Each reservoir is in turn connected with all the others so that when the supply in one becomes low, the others may be temporarily drawn upon. By gathering the gold reserves of the member banks into the twelve Federal Reserve banks, a result has been obtained like that yielded by the construction of a great city water supply.

Each member bank formerly had to depend almost entirely upon its own resources in making loans to its customers. When it had loaned all of its own money, it could do no more, even though the merchant, manufacturer, or farmer customer had great need of more credit, and was seeking it for highly important and necessary purposes. Hence arose what was called a "tight money" situation. Now the member bank can, and frequently does take the notes of its customers to the Federal Reserve bank, and borrows there in much the same way as the customer borrows from the member bank.

This reserve-storing and loaning work of the Reserve System is only part of the wonderful protection and service it is rendering the nation.

NEGROES ARRESTED IN THE OIL FIELD

Mexia officers arrested two negro men in the oil field district west of town Friday accused of having intoxicants in their possession and also charged with vagrancy. The officers stated that the men had a quantity of the best wine and red whiskey procurable.

The officers had gone in search of another suspect when the two negroes were discovered with the liquor in their possession, so they stated.

Franklin drank only water.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

Central Presbyterian church.

Sunday School at 9:45.

J. D. Arrington, superintendent.

Morning services promptly at 11:00.

Evening services at 7:30.

The new pastor, Rev. Victor K. Aubrey will fill both morning and evening pulpits.

You can't expect a man to always agree with you without being paid for it.

B. Halter of Waco was here Thursday.

Automobiles Are Loaned For Half of Bandit's Haul

By JACK A. CEJNAR

(International News Service Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Loaning of weapons and automobiles, for half the proceeds of holdups, is the latest business to spring up in this city according to the police.

The new industry was disclosed, according to detectives, with the arrest here of six negroes, one of whom has confessed in writing, the detectives declared, to the shooting of Harry Leonard, saloonkeeper at 2200 Randolph street, who died as a result of his wounds.

The negro who confessed the shooting was Leon Williams, 28 years old, and he named George Baker, 32, Ruben Bobbitts, 29, Josh Cartwright 28, and Joseph Walker, all negroes, as being associated with him.

According to Williams' confession Walker was proprietor of a saloon on Chouteau street, where the Leonard holdup and others were planned. Baker and Cartwright also confessed authorities said.

Walker, according to Williams, furnished his automobile and two of his revolvers to Williams and his companions, to carry out the Leonard robbery, for the use of which he was to get half the proceeds of the robbery, according to officers.

The negroes, detectives said, also confessed to six other holdups in East St. Louis and here.

While the police contention that New Years' was the dryest and quietest in the city's history seemed to have been borne out by the absence of deaths from liquor poisoning, a survey of the hospitals indicated today that plenty of moonshine liquor, and some of it that "eats varnish off the furniture," was imbibed by holiday revelers here.

During the week including Christmas and New Years', 110 cases of acute alcoholism were treated at the city hospital.

Six children were orphaned here today, because their mother gave their father a Christmas gift of new house slippers, it might be said.

Otto H. Burns, 43, secretary of the Curtiss-Ireland Candy corporation, wearing the Christmas slippers, started down into the basement to bank the fire in the furnace.

The new slippers were slippery, and he fell, breaking his neck, dying almost instantly.

The Rev. Charles D. McGehee, former pastor of the Haven Street Methodist Episcopal church, and later a Ku Klux Klan lecturer, is to face charges before a church tribunal it was announced today.

McGehee's trial was recommended by Bishop McMurray following the report of a committee which investigated McGehee's alleged klan activities. McGehee was automatically suspended from the ministry by the committee's report, it was said.

TURN ABOUT FAIR PLAY

"Turn about is fair play," agree these two Follies beauties. Dorothy Mackaill and Allyn King were both recruited from the famous Ziegfeld show by John S. Robertson for his production of "The Fighting Blade," latest First National starring vehicle of Richard Barthelmess. In the Follies, Allyn King had a more important part than Dorothy Mackaill; but Miss Mackaill thinks she has perhaps just a little the best of the bargain, as in "The Fightin g Blade" she plays opposite Richard Barthelmess. And everybody's happy.

LADD-HANNON INCORPORATE

FT. WORTH, Jan. 5.—The Ladd-Hannon Oil Corporation of Texas has been organized and given a charter, with headquarters at Fort Worth. This concern was incorporated recently by Lou D. Ladd and E. F. Hannon,, who have been operating for many years in the Mid-Continent fields as a partnership.

TO HARNESS THE ATOM TO PROVIDE HEAT AND POWER

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—(United Press.) Harnessing of atomic energy may solve the world's future power problems, according to Prof. Herbert S. Philbrick of Northwestern University.

"Water-power cannot replace coal and oil," said Prof. Philbrick. "The future will develope power-producing devices now unknown, among them atomic energy condensers and solar radiation."

Prof. Philbrick declared that America's oil supply would be exhausted in nine years, if only oil was used to generiate power.

"America's coal supply," he said, "is estimated at 2,500 billion tons, the oil supply at 7 billion barrels and the horsepower of the rivers and streams at 50,000,000.

"We have used 5 billion barrels of oil, about 6½ tons of coal per person is used each year and the industries are using more than the potential waterpower of 50,000,000 horsepower," he said.

Prof. Philbrick predicted that within the next 100 years an invention even more significant than the steam engine will be perfected.

(By International News Service)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 5.—"I earnestly appeal for frank and complete vindication," Rev. Lee Heaton said today following withdrawal of heresy charges by Bishop Moore at Dallas. "I shall demand a hearing but this case has surely united the modernists into one solid body for the defense of religious freedom and expression of interpretations," he said. Moore was supposed to have gone to New York but said he missed the train.

"One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives," sighed the philosopher. "Nor even why," sneered the cynic.

Revenge is so sweet that it is sometimes positively sickening.

Great Britain has only one producing oil well.

HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE ROLAND

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Frocks for Girls Are Striking

Black and White in Youthful Combination

Youthfulness and daring are to be encouraged only when sponsored by Dame Fashion, hence the unqualified recommendation for mothers to follow this design in style, material and trimming for girls' frocks.

Black and white are so combined here they are charmingly appropriate for a young girl's dress. French flannel, cotton crepe or a tub material may be used in its development. A material that does not require frequent laundering is suggested, because the trimming is in black velvet ribbon. On a tub fabric, however, the black bands could be of linen. The dress has the sleeves cut in one with the long-waisted blouse and there is a box plait at the front below the belt. The sides are slightly gathered.

Black velvet ribbon forms the belt and there are two strips looped over the belt at the front, with ends draped down to the hem and finished with tassels. The same trimming is used for the round neck and outer seams of the sleeves.

Accompanying the dress is a little hat of white felt trimmed with white grosgrain ribbon. The ribbon is draped around the crown and finished at one side in a wheel cockade. Two and three-quarter yards of material 36 inches wide are needed for the dress and four and one-half yards of ribbon an inch or more wide for the hat.

To make a cockade (Fig. I), the ribbon is folded into nine-inch lengths as in Fig. II, then folded again as in Fig. III. The pieces are

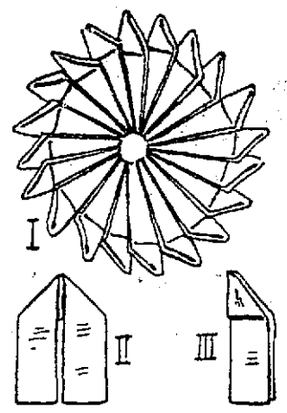

Fig. I—Wheel Cockade
Fig. II—First Fold of Ribbon
Fig. III—Second Fold of Ribbon

then arranged in wheel fashion on a buckram foundation, with the points of the fold extending outward. For the streamers three-eighths of a yard more of ribbon will be required.

If desired, the black and white idea may be extended to the hat, making the folds of ribbon alternate in black and white rows. The hat is equally effective made of silk or heavy crepe de chine.

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Beginning Monday January 7th, our Sotre will close evenings at 6 o'clock.

WALTER CAMP PICKS ALL-A MERICAN FOOTBALL TEAM.

1 Bomar, 2 Mallory, 3 Grange, 4 Martineau, 5 Hubbard, 6 Pfann, 7 Bedenk, 8 Milstead, 9 Hazel, 10 Blott, 11 Sundstrom

Writing in Colliers' National Weekly, Walter Camp, famous football expert, has selected the following All-American team for the 1923 playing season:

POSITION.	PLAYER.	COLLEGE.
End	Bomar	Vanderbilt
Tackle	Milstead	Yale
Guard	Hubbard	Harvard
Centre	Blott	Michigan
Guard	Bedenk	Penn. State
Tackle	Sundstrom	Cornell
End	Hazel	Rutgers
Halfback	Grange	Illinois
Quarterback	Pfann	Cornell
Halfback	Martineau	Minnesota
Fullback	Mallory	Yale

High School To Bring Number 3 Luceum Friday

Players, singers and funsters, thrown in for good measure, are the Music Makers, who will give a program on Jan. 11 at the High School Auditorium, under the auspices of the Senior Class. There are four young men in this group, each bubbling with youth and enthusiasm, which is reflected in their program. It is a succession of numbers each more enjoyable than the one preceding. Their appearance here will be one of the most delightful events of the local Lyceum season.

The brass quartet work given with an arrangement of trombones and cornets is the outsanding features of the program. The very highest type of music is chosen for this quartet work, including such selections as "The Soldiers' Chorus," from Counod's "Faust," Wagner's "Bridal Chorus," the "Priests' March," from Athalia, and Schubert's "March Militaire." The manner in which the instruments are handled shows true artistry, and will please the most discriminatnig musical taste.

The vocal numbers have punch and snap, and keep the audience wanting more. While there is not the classical atmosphere to these groups they are nevertheless popular with every group of hearers. And in addition to these musical features, there are readings and dialogue, and a clever comedy skit of American college life, which provides many good laughs. Then for further novelty, there are numbers on the saxaphone, banjo or guitar.

Attractive costuming adds to the enjoyment of the program presented by these music makers, and altogether their entertainment promises to be one long to be remembered.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Sunday partly cloudy, probably rain on coast, with rising temperature.

West Texas—Sunday partly cloudy probably snow flurries in the Panhandle.

L. M. Goodner of Waco was in the city Friday.

Wise Cracks From Southwest Press

The baseball outlook is very bright, says the Wichita Beacon, even if the players are not.

Leap Year to some means they get to stay out an extra night, contributes the Wichita Beacon.

If there are any left on the calendar, let's have a "Presidential nomination-election week" and get it over with, urges the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The burden that Europe is having to bear would undoubtedly rest easier on her shoulders suggests the Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, if she kept her head there to steady it.

Rufe Hoskins says it is just as well husbands don't know how many of them qualify as disappointments, reports the Oklahoma City Times.

The lad who went to a military school and found he had to get up at 6 a. m., probably will agree with Sherman regarding war, says the Oklahoma City Times.

The latest Hollywood unpleasantness while not particularly intricate is puzzling and vexatious to the Kansas City Star. But probably all will be explained satisfactorily in the next reel.

Our thanks to the anonymous letter writers says the Kansas City Star. They make the perusal of Christmas bills a positive pleasure.

They will never get anywhere with the reparations question as long as some accent it on the "rep," another on "par" and all the balance on "rations," predicts the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

M. C. Harris of Corsicana was a visitor to Mexia on last Friday.

OIL MAN AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO BOY

ELECTRA, Texas, Jan. 4.—Reese Allen, local oil man, today announced award of a yearly scholarship to the boy in the senior class of the Electra High School who makes the highest grade. The scholarship will entitle the winner to a year at some preparatory school or junior college and three years at Princeton University.

Allen said the award was in honor of his son who was killed more than a year ago in an automobile accident while returning from a football game when a student at Princeton.

Miss Willie Gray of Lexington, Kentucky, has been spending the Christmas and New Year season with her cousin, Mrs. Billie Gray. Mrs. Gray's three children have been on a visit at Madill, Oklahoma, for several days and will return with Mr. Gray Sunday.

Will Tubb of Waco was a visitor to the city Friday.

Nativistic Movements Discussed By Stanley Frost In The Outlook

By STANLEY FROST

(In The Outlook, December)

The first, then, of the "nativistic" movements came in the very first years of the Republic. The Federalists wished a firm Central Government; the newly arrived preferred a weak one. So the Federalists made the alien vote an issue, and in 1795 raised the term of naturalization to fourteen years. The Republicans, under Jefferson, restored the term to five years in 1802, and grew powerful on the alien vote—as other political parties have done many times since. The issue was kept alive till it vanished in the War of 1812.

It revived in New York City in 1835, when the alien voters definitely banded together to control the city, parading with banner which read, "Americans must not rule us!" The response of the Americans was instant. They rallied under the leadership of men of whom Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, was one of the best known. He wrote the famous "Brutus" letters, charging that there was an alien, Catholic conspiracy to seize control of America. He attacked the "compact and clannish body of immigrants, avid of office and openly allying themselves as foreigners against the Nation." The movement resulted in practically driving foreigners from office in the city, spread to Boston and Philadelphia, where there were riots, and then slumbered.

The next outbreak was in 1843, when the Democrats again carried New York City and gave the majority of offices to foreigners. Again it won control, and again there were riots and bloodshed and much bitterness. One notable outrage was the looting and burning of a nunnery. Having accomplished its immediate purposes, it again died.

But the alien issue became a tremendous one in 1853. The big immigration from Ireland following the famine of 1847 and from the Continent as a result of the abortive revolutionary movement in 1845-1850 swamped the American voters. This resulted in the formation of "The Sons of 1776, or the Order of the Star-Spangled Banner, the lower edges of which were pledged to vote for none but native Protestants—there was no Negro question then—and the higher orders to force foreigners and Catholics out of all public service. The members were instructed to answer "I don't know" to all questions, and so got the name of "Know-Nothings."

My own boyhood study of history left me with the impression that the Know-Nothings were a queer, obscure, and rather disreputable lot, without any particular influence. Nothing could be further from the facts. They nearly got control of the country. Operating at first by indorsing selected candadites—as the Anti-Saloon League has done and the Ku Klux Klan is doing now—they upset all political calculations in 1853 and 1854. In 1855 their success went to their heads and they came into the open as the American Party. This, as events proved, was a fatal mistake, but it won great immediate success. In that year they carried nine states and narrowly missed six more; the next year they had eight Governors and fourteen legislatures. A sidelight on their standing and membership is the fact that they elected twenty-four ministers to the Massachusetts legislaure. Their strength was chiefly in New England and the South, though they showed sporadic power in all parts of the country.

But the movement died fast. Being a political party, it was forced to take a stand on the burning slavery question, tried to straddle, lost everything but the border states in 1858, and by 1860, after a vain effort to avert the war, had almost vanished. Professor George M. Stephens, the historian, says that "about the only definite thing it accomplished was the binding together of the different racial stocks," but its temporary achievement was much greater. It did, for the time, clean up much local political corruption and drive from office many foreigners and Catholics.

They remembered it after its power was gone, and their efforts, combined with its pusillanimous record on slavery, covered it with obloquy. Its members hunted cover, and it has never had a friendly historian. Perhaps it did not deserve one, for its propaganda was based on the most lurid stories about the Catholic church and was from first to last little but an appeal to prejudice, lacking the dignity of the Morse movement. But it very nearly won complete success.

Following the Civil war there was one other outbreak, the American Protective Association, but it fell under the disrepute left over from the Know-Nothings and, though it once claimed two million members, never achieved any power. The last flicker from it was the famous "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" of the Rev. Dr. Burchard, which defeated Blaine for the Presidency. That debacle convinced politicians once for all that the anti-alien, anti-Catholic agitation was too dangerous to monkey with.

So, in spite of the talk of unfit immigration, unassimilated aliens, hyphenism and preversion of Americanism which has been heard in the last few years, the Ku Klux Klan is the first to dare raise the fundamental issue openly once more. History, as well as the Klan's own success, shows how powerful an appeal that issue may have. And the Klan has not yet made, and its leaders declare that it will not make, the mistakes which wrecked the Know-Nothings. It is evident that the possibilities in such a situation confuse the imagination.

It is evident, too, that an organization which has grown so fast and won such support from so solid a class of citizens, and all in the face of such bitter opposition, possesses enormous vitality. There is some deeper reason for its existence than a desire to masquerade in white hoods, or even to go night-riding and reform the neighbors with a blacksnake whip. Such a growth in itself proves that the movement has an appeal to some deep-seated sentiment, instinct, prejudice, condition or whatever you care to call it, but something widespread, fundamental and very much alive.

FROM THE PEOPLE
INFORMATION WANTED

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 3, 1921

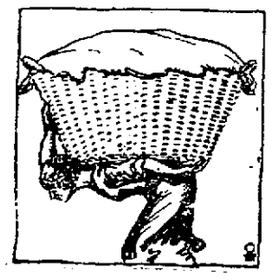
Mr. J. D. Arrington,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am interested in getting information as to when and where a man by the name of Jesse Johnson died, who was supposed to have died at Mexia, but have no idea when. He was a very old man about 90 years, and had lived there for some time.

Any information you may be able to furnish will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,
F. G. ALMERAS.
1927 Ave. I, Galveston, Texas.



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Is no longer necessary. The finest work at a very moderate cost we now offer in our modern laundry. Clothes clean and sweet with no more trouble than telephoning for our delivery wagon. Try us with this week's wash.

NEW - WAY LAUNDRY

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

FARMERS STATE BANK

OF MEXIA, TEXAS

Made Pursuant to the Call of Commissioner of Insurance and Banking at Close of Business December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts		$389,543.17
Banking House		38,903.59
Furniture and Fixtures		21,469.33
Other Real Estate		36,479.29
Interest and Assessment Guaranty Fund		42,038.11
Call Loans and Commercial Paper	$155,000.00	
Cotton Acceptances	227,999.56	
U. S. Government Securities and School Warrants	133,250.90	
Cash and Due from Banks	295,558.39	
Total Cash and Quick Assets		811,808.85
TOTAL		$1,341,142.34

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	$100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	24,096.37
DEPOSITS	1,217,045.97
TOTAL	$1,341,142.34

The above statement is correct.
Jno. H. Sweatt, President,
J. L. Hearn, Cashier.

COOPERATION

We realize that our own growth is primarily dependent upon the success of our customers. Discuss with us your business requirements and give us the opportunity to assist. Introduce your friends to us. We will appreciate their business and cooperate with them.

WE HAVE NO CITY, COUNTY OR STATE FUNDS ON DEPOSIT

TONIGHT

COLEMAN CRAIG

with His Stereopticon Lecture

"FROM THE PYRAMIDS TO CALVARY"

Actual Photographs Taken While in the Holy Land Only a Few Months Ago

Pictures from Sweden to Germany; From Germany to France; Scenes From Battlefields of France; Trip from Rome through Vatican to Naples; Ancient City, Pompeii; Scenes made from Very Crater of Vesuvius

HISTORIC BIBLE SCENES

The River Jordan; the City Beautiful, Jerusalem; Nazareth, where Jesus Worked in Childhood; Garden of Gethsemane; the Empty Tomb of Jesus.
(The Interior Will Be Shown, Where Our Lord Lay).

Male Quartette: Messrs. Beene, Harper, Jeffers and Samford

Arrangements Have Been Made to Seat Everyone Wishing to Take Advantage of this Special Attraction at

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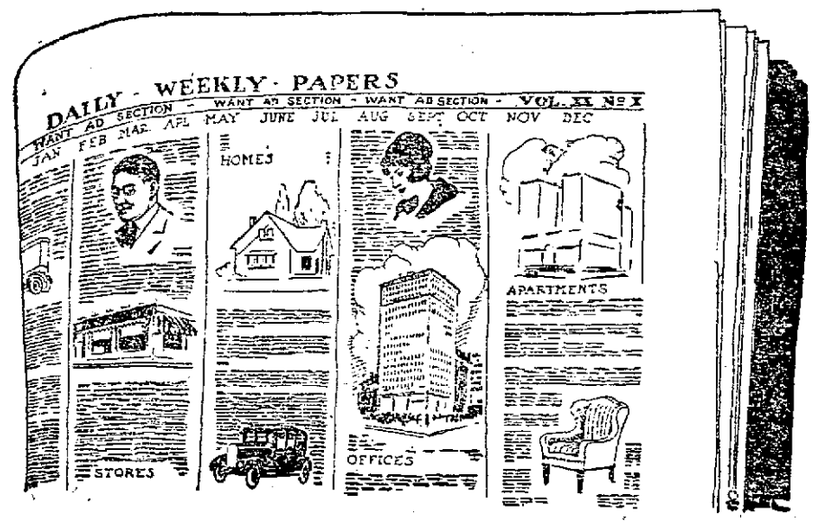
January 6, 1924, 7:30 P. M.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THE MEXIA DAILY NEWS

Well Known Banker And Former Candidate For Governor Dies

TEXARKANA, Texas, Jan. 5.—N. A. Shaw, a banker here, well known in farm political circles and once a candidate for governor, died this morning aged 65. Blood poisoning caused an infection of his hand and resulted in death.

Cold Wave Sweeps County Over; Zero and Lower

BELOW ZERO IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Four persons were frozen to death the past twenty-four hours of the coldest weather in a decade, police reported. It is 16 below zero.

Washington Says More Coming

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A cold wave has a grip on the middle west and will extend over the east and far into the south by Sunday, the Bureau forecast here. Temperature, ranging from a few degrees above zero to several below will prevail.

Clear But Cold in Ohio

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Clearing skies and intense cold checked flood dangers at many Ohio and Kentucky points along the Ohio River today.

Ashland, Ky., reported the flood waters were receding.

Freezing in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—The cold wave swept into Georgia today beginning the lowest temperatures of the season in many sections. The thermometer in Atlanta dropped to 25 degrees above zero early this morning and this low tehmeratures were felt as far south as northwestern Florida.

Zero and Snow at Columbus

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 5.—A cold wave accompanied by high winds and snow struck Ohio today.

Zero temperatures were reported to be general throughout the State. Snows were heaviest along Lake Erie.

Five below zero was registered at the weather bureau here.

Suffering in Southwest

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 5.—Intense suffering was caused throughout the Southwest today by continuance of the cold wave which has now held sway for a week. Temperature in Kansas City today touched 10 below zero, the coldest in eleven years. No relief is in sight, according to forecasters.

Charitable organizations in large cities were besieged for assistance. Heavy demands for coal and food and clothing were made by the needy.

Most of the wheat was covered lightly with snow and is expected to be protected.

Considerable loss was reported among livestock on ranges.

Wire and rail communication was demoralized.

Frequent fires were caused by overheated stoves and furnaces.

LOWEST TEMPERATURES

—CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The lowest temperatures in a decade struck the Middle West early today bringing suffering to thousands in the tenement districts of the large cities.

The mercury stood at 15 below zero in Chicago at six a. m., the lowest mark since 1912 when it was 16 below. Similar low temperatures were reported from practically every secion of the Great Lakes region and the Middle West.

Chicago firemen were kept busy answering scalls to 111 fires in 21 hours—believed to be a record for this city. Slight relief is in sight weather bureau officials said. Somewhat higher temperatures are on the way from the Cadidian Northwest.

LEAGUE PROGRAM SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The program for the Epworth League at the First Methodist Church this afternoon is as follows

Subject: John Wesley, the Boy and the Student.

Leader: Orelle Edgely.

Song, No. 311: Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Scripture Reading: Tim. 2:15.

Prayer: Mrs. Krueger. Lord's Prayer in unison.

Song, No. 370: Gloria Patri.

Aim of the meeting, by leader.

John Wesley, the Boy: Robert Wallace.

The Influence of Methodism: Bowser Crider.

What the Epworthian is for: Ruby Miller.

What does the Epworthian contain: Thelma Lewis.

Why Subscribe: Leader.

Song, No. 205: His Way with Thee.

Benediction.

Be sure and come to the League Sunday afternoon at the usual hour of 4:00 p. m. Bring a friend with you and have a good and profitable time.

Size of electric units are now known, but nothing has been learned about their shape.

In France, medical tests are necessary before a driver of a motor car can get a license.

Chamber of Commerce Strives To Retain Present Service Maintained by S. P. Railroad

It was rumored on the streets of Mexia Friday that the management of the Southern Pacific Lines contemplated the discontinuance of the trains 31 and 32. For the information of those not familiar with train numbers, the explanation is offered that train No. 31 is the train leaving here at 12:50 p. m. North bound, arriving in Dallas at 3:40 p. m.; train No. 32 is the train leaving Dallas at 7:10 a. m. and arriving in Mexia at 1008 a. m.

The Chamber of Commerce wired the management of the Southern Pacific as follows:

"Understand you contemplate discontinuing train No. 31 and No. 32. Sincerely trust am misinformed. If such action contemplated respectfully urge that decision be deferred until we are granted hearing. Our information is that these trains pay and they undoubtedly serve an economic need of your patrons and the community in general. Please wire exact status of the matter. Discontinuance of these trains would mean serious inconvenience traveling public."

At 1.10 p. m. Saturday afternoon the following message was received:

"Wire date similiar message received from Mr. Sweatt and committee of Mexia business men and we have replied as follows: 'Receipt of telegram from yourself and committee represent ing business interests of Mexia account of light patronage trains No. 31 and 32 we are making study of the situation but before definite action is taken of the elimination of these trains will be very glad to receive committee for further consideration.' You of course are familiar with our attitude in such matters and would not think of eliminating any train service without first consulting interests along line.

W. C. McCormick."

A. C. Green of Ross and Green Dies In Corsicana Saturday

News was received in Mexia early Saturday afternoon of the death of Mr. A. C. Green, of the firm of Ross & Green of Mexia and Corsicana. Mr. Green has suffered since Christmas Eve with an attack of heart trouble and his death was not unexpected to his close friends. He was about 56 years old, a native of Palestine, Anderson county, Texas, where he has large property interest and while the funeral arrangements have not been announced, it is presumed that he will be buried at his old home.

Mr. Green had a sister, Miss Shirley Green, who died some fifteen years ago.

He was a man who was unselfish in his business life, having done a great deal to help others and he always turned a sympathetic ear to a tale of misfortune.

He was a member of the Corsicana Rotary club, and formerly a member and one of the organizers of the Palestine Rotary club. He was well known to a great many of the older residents of Mexia, particularly Sam. Ben and Dick Jackson and W. B. Jackson. He was a cousin of Ben F. Stollenwerck, secretary of the Mexia Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Ed Prather.

On receipt of the news of Mr. Green's death, Mr. Stollenwerck left at once by automobile for Corsicana.

New Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church Arrives For Service to Mexia

Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, new pastor of the Central Presbyterian Congregation of this city, and family, of St. Joseph, Missouri, arrived at noon Saturday, to take up their permanent residence in Mexia. Rev. Aubrey was pastor of First Presbyterian church at St. Joseph when called to the local field. His family is composed of his wife and their infant son.

Rev. Aubrey will occupy the pulpit at the Central Presbyterian church at 11:00 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. A large attendance is expected to greet him on both occasions.

Rotary Prepares For The Ladies

Preparations are being made for the ladies night of the Mexia Rotary club which will be held at the Club House at the Reunion Grounds on Thursday night, January 10th.

Full announcement will appear in Monday's paper. On account of the fact that the secretary of the Rotary club was called out of the city on short notice on Saturday afternoon, no definite announcement could be secured, but sufficient information is available to warrant the statement that a pleasant time will be had.

The hour of the dinner is 7:30 p. m. and the Rotarians and their guests are requested to be on time at that hour.

AUSTIN.—Because he was opposed to his new task as executioner Warden R. F. Coleman of the Huntsville state prison announced his resignation today. Four men awaiting death first to die January 16 other three day following.

AUSTIN.—Corpus Christi and Port Arthur today adjudged healthiest cities in state—if consumption prescription whiskey is any indication atate's health status. Comptroller's report shows not physician in either city issued prescription last year. Dallas with two fourteen doctors wrote eighty thousand while Houston with fifteen physicians indugled in fifteen thousand. Other cities especially Corsicana and Waco heavy comparatively. Brownsville, El Paso, Galveston light with forty-five thousand issued San Antonio. In Fort Worth sixty-seven thousand prescriptions were issued by hundred and seventy-eight doctors.

FOR SALE—$65.00 Stuges wicker carriage. Will sell at bargain. 701 East Hopkins. 6J2

R. L. Dominy, librarian at Westminster, and Jim Martin, teacher in the Tehuacana Public Schools were in Mexia Saturday.

There wouldn't be so much room at the top if the stairs were easier to climb.

ARTICLE No. 9

One prominent writer is authority for the statement that more than 635 billion hands can be dealt at auction, no two alike. If this is true, it is easy to see that no one can ever be a perfect player and that all the good player can hope for is to beat the average. The practically infinite number of hands that can be dealt make it impossible to lay down any system that will cover every hand. The unexpected turns up too often and the apparently unbeatable hand is often beaten.

One result of the great number of hands that may be dealt is some problems of bidding that have even the experts guessing. When the experts disagree, it is easy to see that the average player is bound to make mistakes at times. For that reason, be easy on your partner and do not take the game too seriously. Play the game for amusement for there is very little amusement, either for you or for your fellow players, if you let the game "get" you.

Do not become one of those players who discusses every hand and informs the other players how they should have played it. An intelligent discussion or analysis of a difficult hand is always interesting and instructive but the "post mortem" fiend never stops at that. No one values gratuitous advice or criticism and this is particularly true at the Auction table.

Another thing to avoid is grumbling, either over bad cards or bad play. The world loves a winner and has little sympathy for a loser, at the Auction table as in everything else. A certain player who understands the psychology of this, if asked how he came out at any particular session, always says: "I won a little." That is the idea. Always tell of your winnings but keep your losses to yourself.

The following hands are interesting and representative of the usual problems of bidding. Lay out the hands and decide upon the proper bid in each instance. In the next article, the proper bids will be given and you will have a chance to compare your bidding with the expert's:

In all of the following hands, Z is the dealer, Y his partner and A-B his opponents.

Hand No. 1

No score. Z bids one no-trump, A passes, Y bids two hearts and B passes. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A
Clubs — A, 5, 2
Diamonds — A, J, 10, 8, 7, 5, 3
Spades — A, 9

Hand No. 2

No score. Z bids one no-trump, A and Y pass and B bids two hearts. Z doubles and A bids three spades. What should Y now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — Q, 6
Clubs — A, K, 10, 9, 6, 3
Diamonds — 10, 8, 2
Spades — 7, 4

Hand No. 3

Score. Y-Z 27; A-B 0. Z bids three diamonds. What should A now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — K, 7, 3
Clubs — None.
Diamonds — K, J, 9, 6, 5
Spades — A, K, Q, 10, 7

Hand No. 4

Score. Y-Z, game; A-B, 6. Z bids one heart; A, two diamonds; Y, two hearts; B, two spades; and Z, three hearts. What should A now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A, J, 7, 3
Clubs — A, K
Diamonds — Q, J, 9, 7, 4, 3
Spades — A

Hand No. 5

Score. Y-Z, 0; A-B game and 20. Z bids one no-trump, A bids two spades, Y bids three hearts and B passes. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — 5
Clubs — A, K, J
Diamonds — A, Q, J, 10, 8, 4, 2
Spades — A, 7

Hand No. 6

No score. Z bids one spade and A bids two hearts. What should Y now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — A, J, 10, 7, 2
Clubs — K, Q, 6
Diamonds — 9, 8
Spades — J, 4, 2

Hand No. 7

Score. Game all and 20 all. Z bids one no-trump, A bids two hearts, Y passes and B bids three diamonds. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — K, Q, 6, 3
Clubs — K, J, 5, 2
Diamonds — A, J
Spades — K, Q, 8

Hand No. 8

No score. Z bids one spade, A and Y pass, B bids two hearts. Z bids two spades, A bids three hearts and Y and B pass. What should Z now bid with the following hand?

Hearts — 10
Clubs — 9, 7, 2
Diamonds — A, K, 9, 5
Spades — K, Q, J, 9, 5

Solution to Problem No. 4

	Y Hearts — A, 7, 6 Clubs — Q, J, 9, 7, 6 Diamonds — A, 2 Spades — A, 4, 2	
Hearts — Q, 10, 3 Clubs — 10, 8, 3 Diamonds — 5, 4, 3 Spades — K, Q, J, 10	A	B Hearts — 9, 8, 5, 2 Clubs — 5, 4, 2 Diamonds — Q, 10, 9, 8 Spades — 9, 3
	Z Hearts — K, J, 4 Clubs — A, K Diamonds — K, J, 7, 6 Spades — 8, 7, 6, 5	

Z, the dealer, bid one no-trump, the others passed, and A led the king of spades. The problem is to obtain a little slam against perfect defense.

When the dummy hand was placed on the table, Z saw at once that he had four odd at no-trump and therefore the game. A good player, once he is sure of game, should try for a slam. The best play is to win the first trick with the ace of spades, take two rounds of clubs and then throw dummy in with ace of diamonds and lead the remaining three rounds of clubs, on which Z should discard all three of his spades. B's first discard should be a small heart, to warn his partner that he must guard the heart suit, and his second discard his last spade. These discards mark B's hand as having the diamond suit and nothing more. A's first discards should be two small diamonds. Z correctly reasons that A probably holds both the queen of hearts and three top spades. The problem then is to force him to discard either the three spades or one heart and thus "squeeze" him out of a trick. Z then plays a small diamond from dummy, finesses his jack, plays his king, and follows with his low diamond which B wins with the queen. A is thus compelled to make three discards. The first and second discards are spades but at the third discard he is forced to discard either a low heart, unguarding the queen, or discard his top spade. If he discards the heart, dummy discards the spade; if he discards the spade, dummy discards his heart. In either event Z now wins the remaining tricks and scores a little slam. This forcing of discards, the so-called "squeeze," occurs very frequently and as the example given is a typical one, it should be carefully studied.

In what was probably the coldest spell experienced this winter by this locality the thermometer dropped early Saturday morning to 22 degrees. About noon it had risen again to 30 degrees where it stood during he remainder of the day. On account of the absence of winds the cold was not as noticable as that of other spells of the year.

California has passed the million mark in automobile registration.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR

Sherwood Eddy, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. speaking in Indianapolis Saturday afternoon gave vent to the following as copied from his talk in the Dallas News, "Everywhere there is protest against political, industrial and racial autocracy, revolution is astir and every where mankind is torn with strife."

In our feeble way we challenge this statement and brand it as a libel on the American people. We stand four square for and with the Y. M. C. A. but when some one of its votaries gets such nauseating fumes off his spleen we think that some one should call a halt and demand a retractation. Why Mr. Sherwood Eddy should say that "revolution is astir and every where mankind is torn with strife" we cannot in a most evasive manner accept or consider. This is a coursory treatment of the subject he was endeavoring to handle and no cogent reason exists for his statement. It is such wild language as this that the Red in his effort to overthrow this government fastens on and gives it back to his own as coming from an American Citizen. The Soviet—The Bolshevik, the Anarchist the Radical and Socialist grasp every word of such as a standing vendication of their claims. Here in this land, and the only one that today whose money is worth one hundred cents on the dollar—where any one that wants to work can do so and where happiness is unrestricted and personal gain limited only by the individual effort—we cannot understand why any man can preach such a gospel. This bears weight also coming from the source that it does. There is no political, industrial or racial autocracy in this land of ours. There is political discussion and well be it—it is the cleansing balm of our government—there is industrial competetion and progress and without it we would be as stagnant as Europe's smoldering heaps and fostered ambitions. As to racial autocracy this argument dies a-borning—it is the far-flung dream of misanthrope. Why speak of racial autocracy in a nation where in it each and every year the humble and struggling, yet firm and industrious rise to the peaks of affluence and success. About us on every hand is a refutation of Mr. Eddy's statements. If Mr. Eddy can see where mankind is torn with strife he is most assuredly looking through a pair of befogged glasses dipped in the scum of personal ambition. No nation has ever enjoyed greater prosperity than that of our own. No nation was ever more secure in its form of government and none more happy and content. The world is calling on us every day from the Far East to the two poles for bread and suecor and none have gone away hungry. The United States of America stands today the towering beacon of civilization and none be there who can with insidious effort tear from her hand the light of liberty and the hope of a new day for all mankind.

Mr. Eddy is no doubt suffering from a disease that is best described in the word "prolixity"—by referring to the dictionary we find that this means or implies "excessive and wearisome attention to trivial particulars." In other words if you or I want to find woe and discontent in this land of milk and honey we can very easily do so. But if on the other hand our's is a forward looking effort, if the love of man and fear of God is in our hearts, if our souls are set for the best that is possible and our lives in atune with the love of duty and the law of service then happy indeed we should be for the prospect that is before us. The sun never rose over a grander nation and it's rays never matured a more loyal people than those today who kiss and salute the stars and strips.—Contributed.

According to reports on the streets Saturday there are two cases of scarlet fever and one of small pox in Mexia. Let us begin the new year right by keeping the premises of our homes spotless and our streets in cleanly and thoroughly sanitary condition. Before the year ends, lets see if Mexia cannot dispense with all mosquito breeding places in the city. Lets give our city health officer, Dr. Hodges that co-operation needed to make all clean up efforts effective.

Services will be held at the regular Sabbath services hours at the McKinney street Grammar school building. Rev. J. W. Chism of Teague will preach. Everybody welcome.

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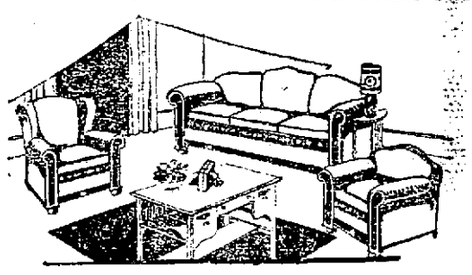

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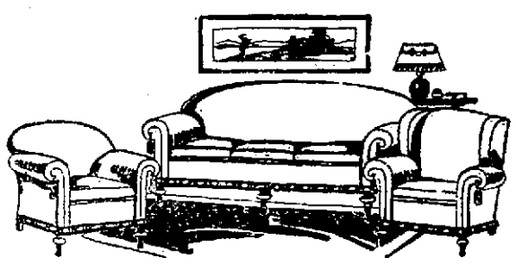

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Furniture and Undertaking

Local News

I. A. Neal was in Mexia Friday from Marlin.

B. Sears of Whitewright was here Friday.

P. H. Lyons was here Friday from Corsicana.

L. W. Williams was here Friday from Waco.

Tom Hardin, of Waco, was in Mexia Friday.

Levi Herring of Fairfield was in Mexia Friday.

W. T. Hendrix of Waco was here last Wednesday.

Alber R. Ayers of Newberry was in Mexia Thursday.

J. H. Bryant of Corsicana was in the city Friday.

Jack Brannon of Corsicana was in the city Wednesday.

S. W. Seymore of San Angelo was in the city Wednesday.

R. J. Randolph of Madisonville was in Mexia Wednesday.

B. V. Jones of Hillsboro was in the city last Wednesday.

L. M. Cheek, of Waco, was in Mexia last Thursday.

Will Tubb, of Waco, was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Mrs. Lem Jones was a visitor to Corsicana last Friday.

R. M. Perdue was a visitor from Ennis to Mexia Friday.

T. J. Herning, of Waco was a Friday visitor to Mexia.

D. R. Webster of Waco was here on business last Wednesday.

C. M. Diller of Hillsboro was a visitor to the city Thursday.

J. M. Paul, of Ennis, was in the city Thursday on business.

Harry Slabotsky was a visitor to Mexia Friday from Ennis.

James Howard was a visitor to Mexia Friday from Corsicana.

Clark Killough, of Hearne, was a Thursday visitor to the city.

Walter Cox of Coolidge was in the city Saturday on business.

Miss Loucie Wilson of Waco was a visitor to Mexia last Wednesday.

W. A. Flanniken of Tehuacana was in the city Wednesday on business.

Rufus McKenzie will leave today for Castle Heights, Lebanon, Tenn.

J. D. Arrington, Jr., has returned to Lebanon to reenter Castle Heights school.

J. B. Adams and A. C. Clark of Waco were visitors to Mexia last Thursday.

County Attorney J. E. Wood of Freestone county was in Mexia on business last Friday.

Miss Ann Stevens has returned to Beaumont after spending the holidays with homefolks here.

Miss Alice Stevens returned the early part of the week to Austin to reenter the University of Texas.

Jack Womack accompanied his son, Steve, to Dlalas Saturday where Steve is attending Terrill school.

Mexia officers arrested a young negro accused of stealing a suit of clothes from another negro Friday.

Bert Blair, now of Breckenridge, formerly a citizen of Mexia, is here for a few days on a business mission.

Mrs. Lamar Campbell has returned to her home in Shreveport, following an enjoyable Christmas visit with her relatives here.

Horace Miller, a student at Westminster, and Tommie Osborne, the director of the college band, were in Mexia on a pleasure trip Saturday.

Major Chester H. Machen, district attorney for this district, returned recently from Alabama where he has been visiting relatives during the holidays.

J. L. Unger and family of Tehuacana, have recently moved into Mexia. Mr. Unger states that he hopes to make this city his home for an indefinite period.

James Riddle, Jr., left Saturday for his school after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Riddle. The young man is attending CastleHeights Military Academy at Lebanon, Tenn.

Roman architects placed earthen jars in the theatre walls to increase the resonance.

Today At The Baptist Church

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School in all departments. A class for every age. Able, efficient teachers. If you haven't studied your lesson come on any how, you won't be embarressed by asking you too many questions. The goal is set for 500 today. Will you do your part to make it?

11:00 a. m.—Preaching services, the Pastor occupying the pulpit.

3:00 p. m.—The ladies of the church will begin their week of prayer. Meeting at the church each afternoon at 3:00 p. m. See announcement elsewhere.

5:45 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. will meet in their respective rooms. Junior, Intermediate and Senior. A full attendance is requested, as the year's work will be outlined and discussed.

6:30 p. m.—A man's prayer meeting in brother Harper's office, the room back of the choir. Every man of the church and all others who will attend, are urged to be present. The Lord has graciously blessed us the past year and especially the past few months, and we should give thanks to Him for it, and go to Him in prayer often for guidance as we enter upon another year's work.

7:00 p. m.—Brother Coleman Craig will present a lot steropotical views, secured by him in his recent travels through the Holy Land. Many interesting scenes will be shown here; scenes that you may never have the opportunity to look upon again. Your time will be well spent here. Also Special Music at the evening hour.

In next Sunday's issue of this paper we will give you a brief summary of the work accomplished through our church for 1923.

(By International News Service)

BUFFALO.—For the second time in a month stalled an automobile brought the twentieth century limited to grief when early today second section crack flier struck abandoned car at intersection here hurling giant locomotive from rails but injuring no one.

PITTSBURGH.—Prospects of most disastrous flood history faced Pittsburgh today with waters Allagheny Mononahela and Ohio rivers rapidly rising. any sections of city under water. Downtown buildings frantically pumping water from basements. Heavy damage seen.

PEKIN ILLINOIS.—With eleven known dead nine fatally injured here today result Corn Products explosion yesterday, it was reported this morning twenty more are dead in the ruins. Derricks are lifting the wreckage away this morning that the debris may be explored for the bodies.

During the last two years Florida fishing industry has yielded a revenue of $8,563,000.

AUSTRALIAN BEAUTY PRIZE WINNERS.

Lily Mullaney, Eva Paine and Freda Fisher-Gilbert

By popular vote, taken in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, these three young women have been pronounced the most beautiful business girls in that city. The winner was Miss Eva Paine, who received a prize of $2,500. She is a saleswoman. Miss Lily Mullaney, who was awarded $500 second prize, is also a saleswoman, and Miss Freda Fisher-Gilbert, who won the $250 third prize, is a clerk.

FIRPO TO GET $70,000 FOR FIGHTING AMERICAN

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 5.—Luis Angel Firpo, South American heavyweight champion, will get 220,000 pesos "about $70,000" for fighting Farmer Lodge, American heavyweight here on February 10.

Firpo's Secretary, Wm. Wiaber, denied emphatically today that Billy Gibson, manager of Gene Tunney and Benny Leonard had been retained by Firpo as his manager.

"Firpo met Gibson only once and that was in Madison Square Garden. Their conversation was only casual and had nothing to do with business", he said.

56 WOMEN PAY POLL TAX

Of the 118 poll taxes which have been paid into the office of the city secretary here 56 have been those paid by women.

J. I. Riddle of the J. I. Riddle Furniture Company, left Saturday for a business visit to the northern furniture markets. He will visit markets in Grand Rapids, Michigan and Chicago returning by way of St. Louis where he will spend a short time in the markets there.

LOS ANGELES.—"Watchful Waiting" characterized lates: Hollywood row today with police awaiting outcome of Dines wounds coupled with pneumonia and film colony awaiting arrival of Will Hays enroute here. To secure written statement from Dines today after he had restful night.

Eastern Star Monday Night

Regular meeting of the Eastern Star Monday night at 7:30. There will be important business, such as initiations, and routine. All officers are expected and members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome.

Mrs. Oscar Denning, W. M.

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Just out, the widest read magazine, circulated in Mexia, February True Story. Get them while they last. Pioneer News Stand. 6-3

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COLLINS ANNOUNCES PLATFORM ON WHICH HE STANDS IN RACE FOR GOVERNOR OF THIS STATE

BEAUMONT, Texas, Jan. 5.—V. A. Collins formally announced his candidacy for governor, subject to the action of the democratic primary this year, in an address delivered here tonight. In part, he spoke as follows:

In just a little more than a year from this date, the term of the present Governor of Texas will expire, and the friends of some man now a candidate or yet to become a candidate for Governor will assemble in Austin to see one in whom they have put their trust, and whose banner they followed through an exciting campaign put his hand on the Bible and swear before Almighty God that he will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon him as Governor according to the best of his skill and ability agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State.

Administration of the affairs of the State will change almost in the twinkling of an eye amid the wild acclaim of friends assembled to witness the beautiful ceremony.

No man ever took a more solemn obligation or assumed graver responsibilities except where the rights and liberties of more people were involved.

The question is often asked why men strive to gain the favor of their fellowmen in order to get to take such obligation and assume such responsibilities.

But the question is easily answered.

Patriotic citizens rejoice in obligating themselves to do something for their country, and nobody has a chance in this life for great service without assuming great responsibilities. Who would not be Governor of Texas with all its obligations and responsibilities to secure the opportunity to bury his life in the service of six million of the best people in the world?

Who would not be Governor of Texas, with all of its obligations and responsibilities for the opportunity it gives to minister to more than a million and a quarter of boys and girls now within the scholastic age, but soon to be called to minister to others who will succeed them?

A man who has the opportunity to minister to those now needing the wise administration of government will be a thousand times magnified in the great lives of the succeeding generations.

By birth I was as strongly obligated to Texas as oath ever obligated a man, and I like responsibilities because of the opportunities they give for service.

Then imbued with what I esteemed a worthy aspiration, I announced my candidacy for the highest office within the gift of the people of my native state, and to make my first public declaration of the policies of government which I espouse. I have come back to the people who know me best, and possibly sympathize with me more strongly than any others.

Many here have known me from my youth.

You have known the sunlight and shadows of my life from infancy to this good day.

You know my weakness and my strength, my depths and my heights.

You know I am without prestige or exalted pedigree.

I am descended from humble, yet honorable stock and parentage and this is well known to you all, my friends.

But thank God for a country and a constitution which set up no difference between the children of the rich and children of the poor, but hold out to both equally the reward that comes from duty well performed.

It is because you know me from every point of view that I come back to you after three years absence from you expecting a fair and impartial hearing and judgement, if not an entirely sympathetic one.

There was nothing in my life that distinguished me from ten thousand boys on the small farm, in the factories, or timber camps of Texas.

The thoughts they are thinking, I too have thought, the hopes they are cherishing I have cherished; poverty and difficulties which seem hopelessly between them and success were always an impregnable barrier before me.

I have traveled the same road and waded the same streams they have.

I have loitered on the same brooks and fished in the same holes.

I have chased rabbits and twisted them out of hollow trees with forked sticks as they have done.

Full many a squirrel has felt the accuracy of my aim when he had felt himself secure on the topmost branch of the stately trees of South East Texas.

Full many a perfectly good worm I have spoiled trying to catch fish, but I am forced by candor to confess to you that my worms never seemed to appeal to the appetites of fish, because while they would bite the hooks of others in the same hole, they always surrounded mine.

Then you may see I know the life of the Texas boy and the Texas "grownups" and from this intimate knowledge of my fellow Texans, may I not be able to take them by the hand and lead them around some of the rough places which I myself was unable to surmount?

In a very narrow sphere here in this community and in close proximity to it have been the scenes of all my activities.

In full many battles we have engaged in this community with possibly some of you on one side, while I chose the other.

You will bear me witness that I met you upon honorable fields, and fought in the open.

I dealt with you candidly and met you upon equal terms.

Nor was I ever a relentless foe; the fight being over, I gave you my hand in friendship.

I hope, if you are not yet prepared to say that I fought righteously, that you may concede that I fought honestly.

Candid as I have always been with you, my friends, I shall be upon this occasion.

A candidate who mis-states his position upon a public question or conceals it in order to secure votes, which he would not get with his position known to the voters is an embezzler of power and unworthy to hold any office in the gift of his fellow citizens.

I have passed the impetuosity of my youth, and stand upon the hill of middle life. I feel much less secure in my position upon any great question than I did when I was younger, and I approach great public tasks with much greater trepidation than I once felt under the same circumstances.

I see more of the fallibility of men and more of my own fallibility than I once saw, and this makes me more charitable.

With a more intimate knowledge of the acute selfishness of human nature and the more I see of the class struggle among our good people who ought to be interested in the welfare of each other, the greater wisdom I see in the constitutional limitations which protect individaul against individual and class against class.

I believe it was my duty to say this to you, and further to say that if I should be elected Governor, it will be my honest endeavor to bring the Constitution back into fashion, and in whatever I do, act in accordance with the oath I shall take, and, agreeably to the Constitution and laws, and when the laws are not agreeably to the Constitution, see that the Constitution prevails.

This I conceive to be the only safeguard of life, liberty and property.

With the high purpose of upholding the Constitution and laws, but first seeing if I can, that no unconstitutional law remains on the statute, and that no other is ever put there, I declare the matters hereinafter mentioned to be the cardinal principles which I shall undertake to sponsor.

Law Enforcement.

Next to public education, the most important function of government is to see that its laws are faithfully and impartially enforced.

I deem it unessential to argue to this audience that all laws should be enforced. The good citizen does not have to be converted to that, and the bad citizen will not be converted.

All laws in a republic like ours, where every citizen is equal before the bar of justice, are sacred and ought to be strictly obeyed whether one individually approved of them or not.

Every citizen has the right to oppose the enactment of a law, or to advocate its repeal after it becomes a law, but no right thinking citizen believes that any one has the right to ignore and disregard the law while it is the law.

I stand for law enforcement without fear or favor.

No man is so prominent or influential that I would not attempt to enforce his respect for the obedience to the law, and no man is so small or so little importance that I would not exhaust my constitutional power and authority to protect his rights; but even in law enforcement there are constitutional restrictions and limitations which I would respect as all good citizen respect the law.

In our zeal for law enforcement we approve and applaud sometimes, even when the act of enforcement itself is a breach of the law or the Constitution; but I believe under the better standard of government, law is no less restrictive on the officers of the government than it is on the private citizen.

It is better for the ultimate end and purpose of government that every private citizen violate the law than that the governor of our state should breach one provision of our Constitution which he swore to uphold.

Even criminals have certain constitutional rights which the authorities of government cannot ignore, and while I am for law enforcement with all the zeal of my nature, yet I propose to stay within the law and the Constitution in enforcing it.

The officers themselves must respect their constitutional duty before they are in a position to demand respect of law from the private citizen.

Then with this standard for my guide, I would not hesitate to use the state constabulary, the ranger force, or the militia to enforce the law, to suppress insurrection, or to repel invasion, but for no other purpose.

Nor does insurrection exist merely because there is much violation of the law, and the governor declares it to exist.

Insurrection cannot exist until the duly constituted authorities in some community raise the standard in opposition to the government they were selected to serve, and numerous violations of the law by private citizens will not constitute insurrection, and a Governor's proclamation will not constitute it insurrection when it is not in fact.

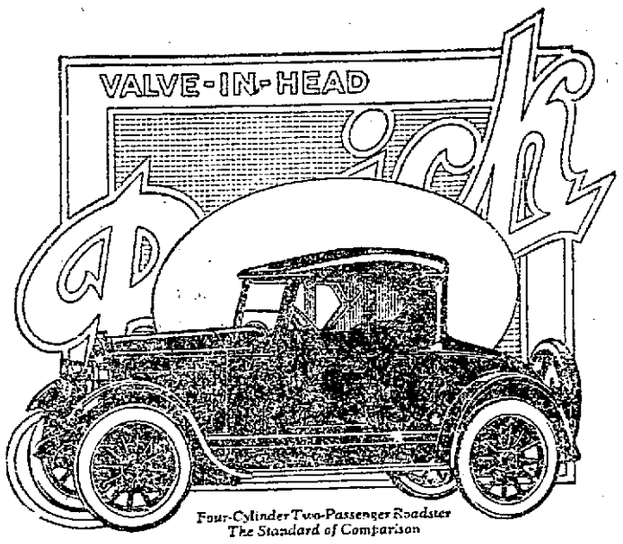
I have no knowledge of there ever having been an insurrection in Texas since the adoption of the Constitution of 1876.

Then there has not since that time arisen a condition which authorized the militia, no matter by what name, to supersede the civil authorities.

The Bill of Rights declares that "The military shall at all times be subordinate to the civil authority" and when the Governor uses the military in the enforcement of law as he has the authority to do, it should be supplementary of and subordinate to the civil authority.

I would send rangers or the militia to help sheriffs in the enforcement of law, but I will not take the warrant of arrest out of the hands of the man elected by the people, and put it in the hands of a ranger from a distant part of the State, if perchance enough respect of law is shown to procure a warranty of arrest at all.

Rangers are good and useful men, but the Constitution makes it the duty of others to enforce law in the different localities, and the law makes it the duty of the ranger to help them enforce the law and not to supersede



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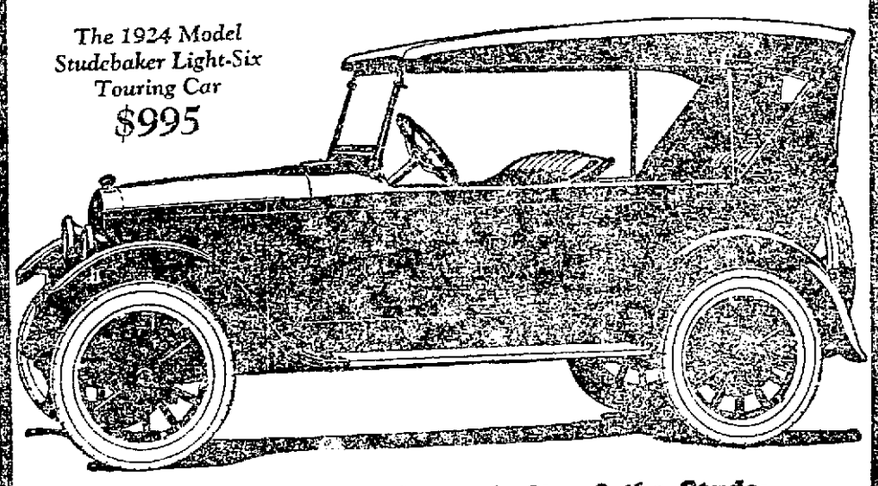

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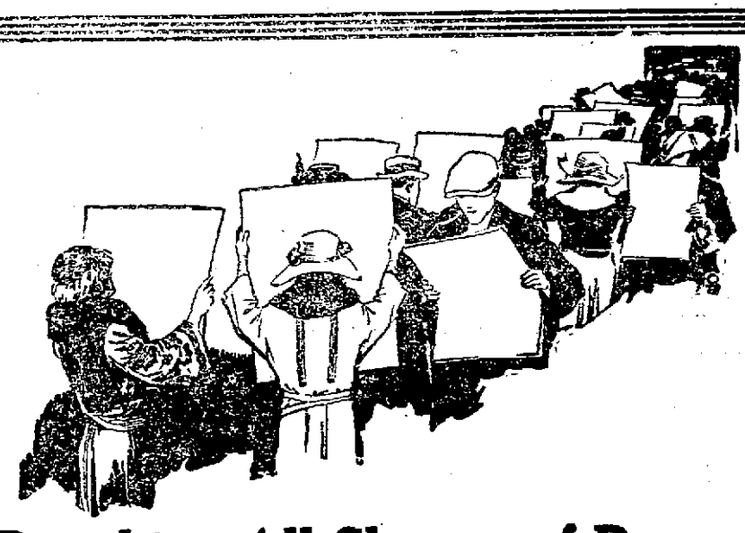

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them. If the elected officer refuses to enforce the law, he can be removed as the law now exists, or it may be made stronger if you desire, but even in that I would not go to the extremes some good men would go.

We must not blind ourselves to the fact that there are some good men in every county and in every community, and through this nucleus of good, we must cultivate a wholesome respect for and obedience to the law, and if the officers refuse to respect the law, arraign them before the bar of justice, in their own county, or on change of venue as now provided by law, and expose them before their own people, and you will find enough of good in every county to put law above anarchy and right above wrong.

The Governor is without constitutional power or authority to suspend the operation of law on one foot of land in Texas, and when he declares that an insurrection exists, which in fact does not exist, and undertakes to subordinate the civil to military authority or when he issues a proclamation declaring some law in effect in a certain defined district or city, and *thereby deprives the civil officers*—the peace officers elected by the people—of the right to make an arrest in the territory where such law is declared in effect, he violates the Bill of Rights and becomes the greater lawbreaker of them all.

Then you ask what I would do with laws as purport to give him such authority. I would repeal any law that would make a lawbreaker of the Governor by requiring him to violate the Constitution to enforce it.

There are such laws on the statute, which if made effective by the Governor's proclamation, any person, charged with their violation may be indicted in any county, adjoining the county, where they are declared to be in effect.

Thieves and robbers and murderers are indictable in the county where the offense is committed. But a poor man who may transgress the provisions of these laws made effective by the Governor's proclamation may be indicted and carried out of the county where *the offense is alleged to have been* committed, and where it may be difficult for him to get money to pay his own way when he goes to trial, not to mention the difficulty of taking his wife and children and friends. Then worse than that, if he is indicated in the county where the offense is committed, and the prosecuting attorney does not want to try it there, all he has to do is to file a motion for a change of venue stating that in his opinion a fair and impartial trial cannot be had, *and the trial judge has no discretion*; he must grant the motion.

But if the indicted man wants a change of venue, he must make a showing before the court that he cannot secure a fair and impartial trial, and then the court may grant it or refuse it as he sees fit.

It is hard to think that any Texan would give his approval to such class laws and I am prepared to say honestly that I believe every fair-minded man will say in his heart that they *ought to be repealed*.

In all sincerity, I promise to protect anyone, who takes a job another has quit, in his right to work, and to protect the property of anyone where it is being injured or damaged by another.

All that can be accomplished by this class of law in violation of the Constitution, can be accomplished under the Constitution as it exists, whether labor trouble or other condition of lawlessness. In either event, *the Governor can order out* the rangers or the militia to assist the civil authorities in protecting life and property and in enforcing the law.

The Governor has the constitutional right to furnish all the men necessary to supplement the civil authorities to protect the lives of employees and the property of the employer, or to aid civil officers in the enforcement of any other law.

Then why break down and trample under foot the sacred Constitution when all that is *desired* can be accomplished within the Constitution?

And whether it can be accomplished within the Constitution or not, I will respect that sacred document which I may swear to uphold, and live by it as it is, till the people of Texas change it.

ROTARY HAS A DOZEN 100 PER CENT MEMBERS

At the Rotary Club meeting Thursday, Secretary Ben Stollenwerck read the list of 100 per cent Rotarians. They and the number of meetings held since they became members, all of which they attended, were as follows:

Albert H. Berry, 45 meetings
Hardie Eubanks, 45 meetings
Perier McKenzie, 45 meetings
Tom Nolan, 45 meetings
Ben F. Stollenwerck, 45 meetings
Dick Wagner, 31 meetings
Bob Crow, 19 meetnigs
Mac McIntosh, 14 meetings
Ernest Strange, 13 meetings
Carl Davis, 5 meetings
Duke Pittman, 3 meetings
Thos. Haines, 2 meetings

"Mr. Simmons", asked one of the resident of the colored camp, "we-all would like to have the recreation hall Saturday night."

"What are you going to have. A meeting of some kind?" asked Fritz.

"Yessah, we'se gwine to have an entertainment and some affections afterwards."

It developed that "affections" was the short for refreshments.—Humble Bee.

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Letters from People

CHICAGO MAN PLEASED WITH PICTURE IN NEWS

C. J. Williams, wholesale jeweler of Chicago, writes E. B. Moseley, *expressing appreciation* for the picture of a house he owns in Mexia being shown in the Christmas issue of the Mexia Daily News.

From his home in Chicago, he writes in part as follows:

Mr. Elton B. Moseley, Genl. Mgr.,
J. R. Neece Lumber Co.,
Mexia, Texas.

Dear Mr. Mosley:

I was appreciably delighted in reading your Christmas and New Year announcement as illustrated in the Mexia Daily News of the December 23 issue. Particularly so, on account of your having so kindly illustrated in your announcement, my home, under the caption of "Better Cottages for 1924."

The lumber material for this building was purchased from your firm and built for me by a reliable contractor of your city, in 1920, and was occupied by myself and family for a little over a year, and for business reasons was forced to leave Mexia, and now have the same rented.

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In conclusion, permit me to again thank you for the flattering compliment paid our little home by illustrating the same as one of the "Better Cottages" of your city, and if the same is looked after as carefully as we personally had at the time we were living on the premises, it should be considerably prettier than the illustration described. That is to say, we left this little home surrounded with a considerable amount of neatly arranged shrubbery.

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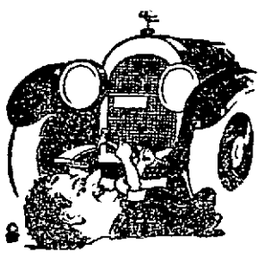

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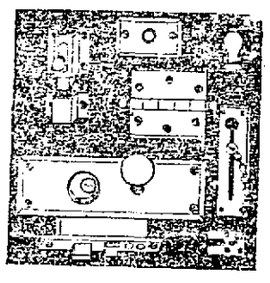

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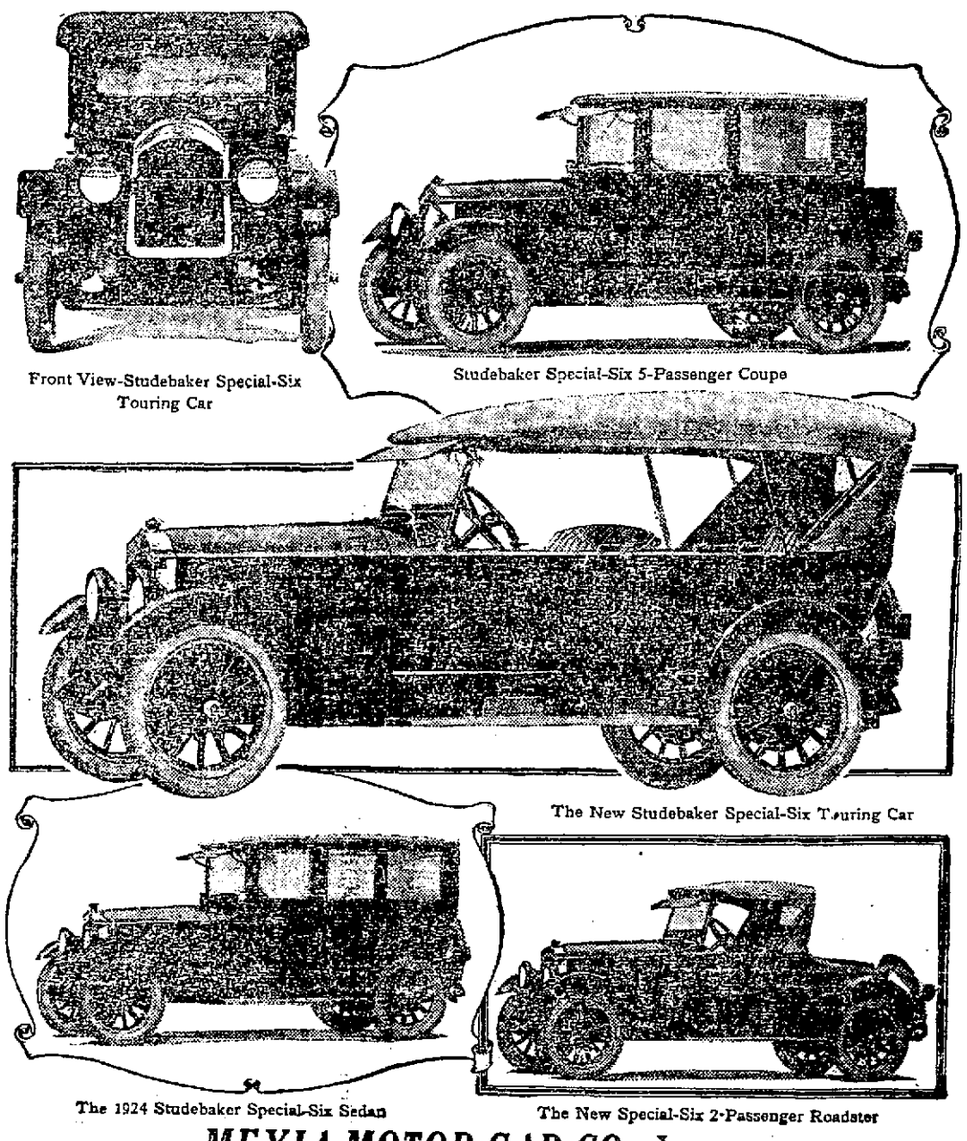

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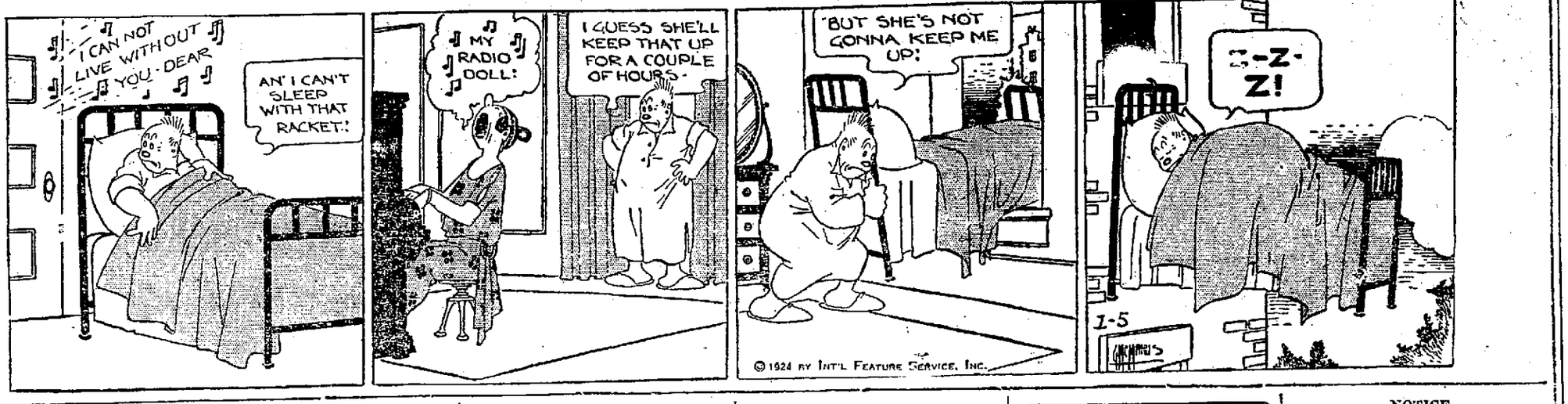
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Unfavorable weather and almost impassable condition of the roads leading through the Powell field was a contributing factor toward the slump in daily production registered again during the past week. For the 24 hour period ending at 7 a. m. December 27 the field was credited with an actual production of 73,000 barrels of oil, out of a total of more than 100,000 barrels of fluid. This large quantity of salt water being produced along with the oil is giving considerable worry to the operators, and plans are being formulated to provide means of disposing of the water properly to avoid additional lawsuits from farmers alleging damaged crops and land. The salt water trouble is a problem for virtually every operator in the field, and one of the major producers is credited with having more than 9000 barrels of salt water output daily. Many crews of workmen are engaged in plugging completed wells back from the water level, and it is hoped to eventually reduce this water trouble to a minimum by plugging and abandoning the wells that are flooding the pay sand. Mud is also giving the operators in the lower part of the field considerable trouble, and several wells on the S. D. Ramsey leases continue to fill with mud as fast as it is bailed down.

Efforts for shallow production in the field are getting under way on a number of leases in the southwest end of the filed. The E. L. Smith Oil Company is reported to be testing out a sand at 1520 feet on the S. D. Ramsey lease, while an offsett to this test has been started by the Tidal-Buttram interests on the Ramsey tract. The Atlantic Oil Producing Company's drilling for the shallow sand pay also, while the Simms Oil company is reported to have rigged up for a test to be drilled on the J. F. Allen block, located about a mile west of the T. & B. V. railroad and several miles northwest of production on the extreme southwest end of the field.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Roberts have returned to their home after a visit with Mrs. Roberts' parents in Tyler.

Negro Preacher Asks Tolerance For Good Done

Here is a bit of street corner wisdom which in spite of the lowliness of its source might prove valuable when generally applied.

Friday night on a prominent street corner an old colored preacher was pleading with an audience of white and black hearers. So far as the sect which he represented was concerned the News man who happened along to join the audience was unable to learn, but from his discourse it appeared to be related to Christian Science. But let that pass. After a religious harangue directed toward the salvation of the soul the colored preacher directed his attention toward relieving the several ailments of the body that members of his audience might be afflicted with. There was no disease or habit suffered by the human race that was not in the category of diseases which he claimed to cure.

At length several of his hearers, becoming interested, he was permitted to experiment upon one or two. Possibly the results were not such as he hoped or predicted and before very many minutes he found himself the object of a good deal of outspoken ridicule. One could see that it pained him not a little but instead of backing down he redoubled his efforts and pleaded yet more strongly, producing even affidavits from those whom he had professed to cure.

At length the taunts of the crowd became too much. His face assumed a look of intense sincerity and pain and turning to the audience he returned their jeers with these words: "Remember me for the good I've done, won't you? Don't remember the bad part. I'm here trying to help you. I can't do that if you drag up the things I failed in. We both lose that way. Remember the good part and leave the bad."

Pretty sensible, isn't it? Generally applied by everybody it might be worth a lot, even if it was spoken on a street corner.

RED ROCK TEST

BASTROP, Texas, Jan. 2.—Materials are being unloaded at Red Rock in Bastrop County by Joe Maxwell and J. P. Johnston, oil operators of Fort Worth, to drill a wild cat test on the John Lehman 120 acre lease in the Jacob Lentz league, about 3-4 miles northwest of Red Rock. Between six and seven thousand acres have been leased in a block around this test.

Miss Alva Lee Kelton, of Dallas, was a Mexia visitor last Thursday.

J. C. Looney, of Corsicana, was here last Thursday.

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking house Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may proprely come before it.

Mexia, Texas, December 8th, 1923.

W. G. FORREST, Cashier.

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CANDIDATES Announcements 1924 ELECTIONS

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NOTICE

Bids will be received by the City Secretary of the City of Mexia up to five o'clock of Jan. 15th, 1924 for the paving N. Kaufman Street from the north line of Sumpter Street to city limits. Plans and specifications on file at the office of the City Engineer.

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E. WATSON, Mayor,
(3-10t) R. D. MORGAN, City Secy.

Notice Kindergarten Parents.

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37	Dallas Ft. Worth	5:14 a. m.
17	Dallas Ft. Worth	4:35 a. m.
19	Dallas Ft. Worth	3:55 a. m.

South bound—

346	To cut-off	7:00 a. m.
16	Houston San Antonio	11:45 a. m.
32	From Dallas	10:08 a. m.
38	Austin San nAtonio	12:21 a. m.
18	Houston San Antonio	1:37 a. m.
20	Houston San Antonio	12:16 a. m.

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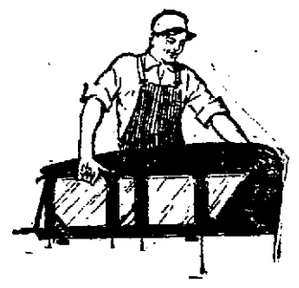
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Just For Boxers in Ring, Says M'Auliffe

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—"Boxers? Bah! There's no such a bird any more. Not a half dozen fighters in the business today know the first principle of boxing and not a fan of the new scvhool has the slightest idea of the real art of boxing."

Jack McAuliffe, the retired undefeated champion, unburdened himself of some weight off his chest, recently after he had taken an evening off from pinochle to venture down to Madison Square Garden.

Sammy Mandell and Sid Terris are wbrking up there tonight." Jack said in the way of an opener for a ticket. "The boys are saying that they are the two greatest boxers to come up in years. Give me a ticket and I'll give you the low down."

The only unbeaten champion didn't show up for several days.

"I didn't have the heart to give you the word and break up a good story. They're the rottenest boxers I ever saw. They're both jumpingjack slappers. They can spar, but that let's them out. They're just like the rest. Lot of fast footwork, lot of thrown punches, but it means nothing."

Only four boxers in the last ten years have known what it is all about, according to McAuliffe.

"Of all the bunch of champions there are only three real good boxers," he said. "Jack Dempsey, Benny Leonard and Jack Britton are real boxers. They know that the first principle of boxing is to lead and counter. They know what they are doing every time they make a move. That's the reason they became champions.

"Johnny Dundee, although he is not as skilled as Dempsey, Leonard and Britton, is also a good boxer, but he fell for a trick style that removed the effectiveness from his punches.

"Dempsey is the best boxer I have ever seen among the heavyweight champions. He can fight along with it and he certainly can take it. Leonard also can box, hit and take it.

"Britton was not a great puncher, but he is perhaps the greatest boxer of all the modern fighters."

It's easy enough to love your neighbors as you love yourself, provided they mind their own business.

ACCEPT U. S. PLAN TO BAR OPIUM

By HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

GENEVA (By Mail ot United Press)—The decision just taken by the Swiss parliament and the Swiss Federal Council to ratify before the end of the parliamentary session next June the Hague convention for the control of opium and harmful drugs traffic renders virtually certain eventual world wide adoption and application of the American program for the suppression of the drug traffic.

This program which has been officially adopted through the efforts of Congressman Porter, chairman of the House of Representatives Commission on Foreign Affairs, as the basis of the League of Nations program, provides not only for the limitation of the manufacture of prepared opium, cocaine, morphine and heroin to the world's actual madical and scientific needs, but a similar limitation also to the production of raw opium and coca leaves.

To render the application of this program possible the League has summoned two international conventions for July of 1924. The first of these will either limit or suppress entirely the production and use of raw opium for smoking in Pacific countries and which is still held as legal under the Hague convention.

A Second Conference.

The second conference which will meet as soon as the above limitation to the production of raw opium has been attained, will draft an internation al convention amongst all the great producing and manufacturing countries limiting the production of the manufactured or derivative products to the world's actual necessities.

To date the greatest obstacle to the above program or even to the successful application of the present Hague convention has been the failure of several very important countries to ratify and enforce the latter. Of these outsiders, Switzerland, which is not only one of the biggest drug manufacturing countries but also a center for the unlawful commerce in these drugs to surrounding and other states, together with Turkey and Persia as big opium growing countries, have been the biggest thorns in the flesh of those who are rying to control the traffic.

Under the Treaty of Lausanne the new Turkey agreed to accept the Hague Anti-Opium convention and to undertake its rigid enforcement.

Persia Yields

Persia has also notified the League of Nations that opium growing which, in Persia, is regarded merely as a form of agriculture and a means of livlihood will be reduced and abolished just as fast as western nations help the country to replace it with other forms of agriculture and means of livelihood.

As a consequence, Switzerland remained virtually the last important outsider in the world-wide effort to limit or suppress the harmful drugs traffic.

HISTRIONIC PUPILS

AUSTIN, Jan. 5.—Twenty one university of Texas students and factulty members and their wives are members of the Community Players, an Austin Dramatic organization.

The club has a membership of about 80. Approximately 40 of these are active members and participate in the plays given by the club.

Borrowell—"I am inclined to be skeptical about these courses in memory training we see advertised. Do you think they ever benefit anybody?" Wigwag—"I don't know. Why don't you try one of them and see? It might enable you to recall the $5 you have owed me for the last two years."

Strange Companion On Strange Hike

BROWNVILLE, Texas, Jan. 5.—The weird experience of being escorted on a twelve mile hike by scores of coons, skunks, armadillos and oppossums was afforded O. L. Williamson, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce no Christmas Day.

Obliged to walk from Blessings to Palacious because of heavy rains, Williams followed the grade of the Southern Pacific Railway upon which hundreds of animals had taken refuge from the high waters.

The animals, principally skunks, darted along the track at his approach and when he succeeded in getting by them there were over 100 in the pack, he said.

WATCH MEXIA GROW

Mr. and Mrs. E. Jean Ormsby are the parents of a lovely baby girl, Mary Ormsby, 8½ pounds, born to them on the night of January the third. Congratulations.

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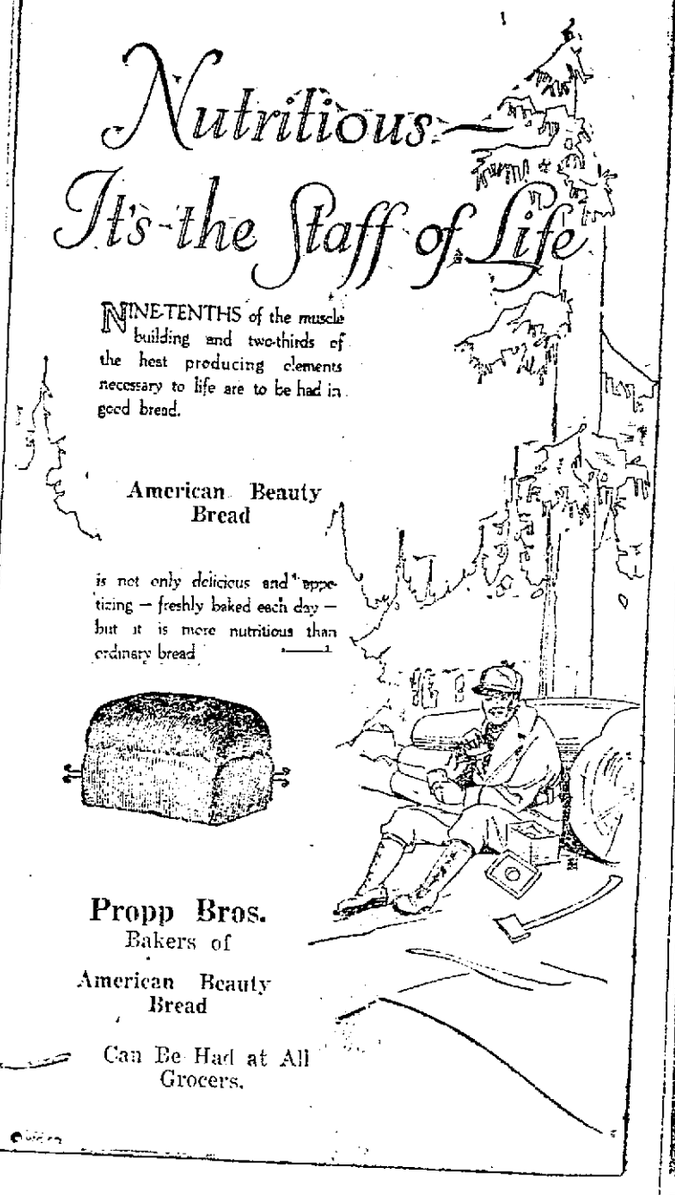
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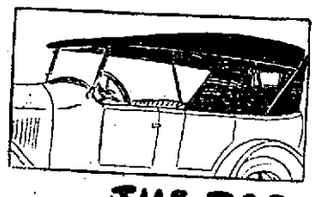

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